

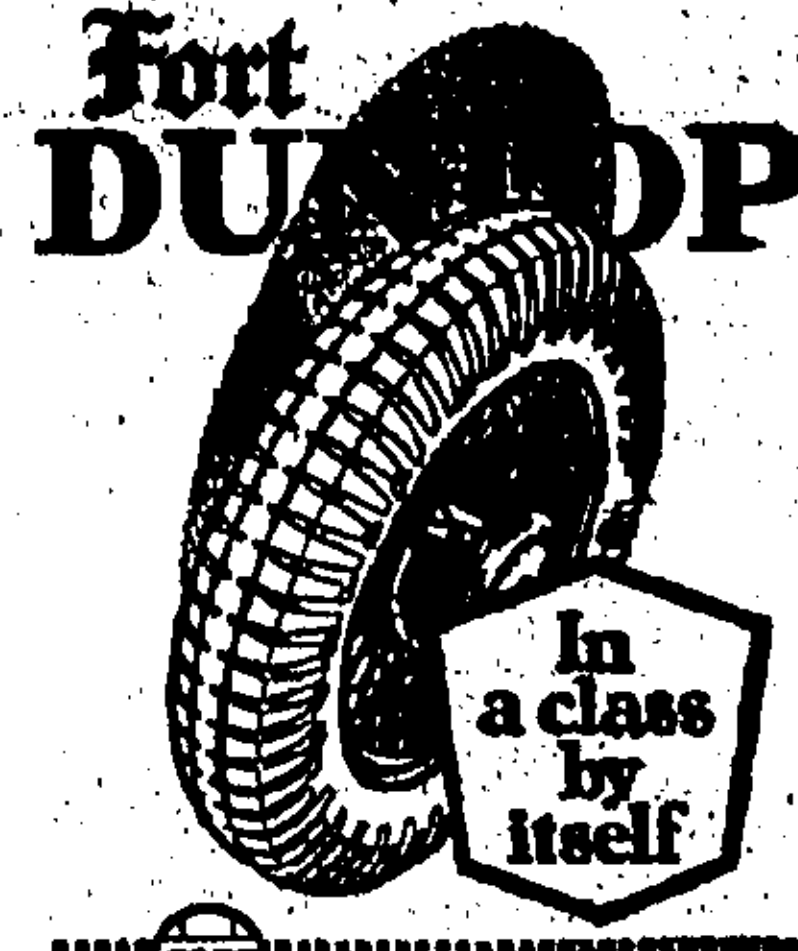
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AN UNAUTHORISED TAXATION?

Chinese Piece Goods Guild's Action.

DEMAND FOR A REBATE.

(Special to "China Mail.")

The high-handed action of the Chinese Piece Goods Guild with offices at No. 27, Jervois Street, in attempting to enforce a special rebate of one per cent. to be paid to them by all importing firms on their sales of fancy piece goods (woollen and cotton) and white and grey cotton piece goods as from January 15, was the subject of a special meeting held by the General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The text of the circular letter from the Chinese Guild reads:—

"We beg to hereby give you notice that at a meeting of members of this Guild held on December 24, a resolution was passed unanimously, and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held on the 5th inst., to the effect that as from 15th inst. and on a special rebate of 1 per cent. fancy piece goods (woollen and cotton) and white grey cotton piece goods shall be given by all such sellers, as an important firm like yours, to all those buyers who are members of this Guild.

It shall be noted that this special rebate of 1 per cent. (a) shall have no concern with any other usual discount and/or incidental allowance whatever on goods, (b) it shall cover all goods either "to arrive" or "spot" for which contracts are made on and after 15th inst., (c) it shall be calculated on the amount of cash payment and shall be accordingly deducted when delivery order and/or for retiring promissory note, and (d) it shall be understood as a compulsory rebate, needless of further mention in writing or in a verbal arrangement when making contracts.

Allow us to add that you are requested to take careful note of the above, in order to avoid future dispute in the matter between both parties."

The Guild, it will be seen, is taking upon itself the duty of the Government in imposing a tax of 1 per cent. on importers dealing in piece goods, as the special rebate mentioned cannot be considered as anything else.

In demanding this rebate, which will total a substantial sum if agreed upon, the Guild is not giving any protection to importers. The money collected from this source, it is understood, will be utilised for payment of salaries and honorarium to the officials of the newly formed body.

Chamber's Decision.

At the meeting yesterday, the Committee of the General Chamber of Commerce decided to write to the Chinese Guild to the effect that the Chamber could not, and would not, impose this obligation upon its members; also, pointing out that the Chamber could not recognise any body or association making such a demand upon importers who are members of the Chamber. If any individual firm would like to pay the new imposition, it could do so by embodying same in the contract made at the time.

BRITONS RUSH TO PAY TAXES

REMARKABLE RESPONSE MAINTAINED

STRIKING FIGURES

INCREASE OF £7,000,000 OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The remarkable response which Income-tax payers have made to the request for prompt payment of the large instalment which became due on January 1 is shown by Treasury figures issued to-night to have been more than maintained in the second week of the month.

During the week ended on January 16 the Income-tax paid amounted to £28,500,000, an increase of no less than £18,000,000 or, approximately, 175 per cent. over the amount collected in the corresponding week last year.

The total amount collected between January 1 and 16 was nearly £50,000,000, compared with £22,000,000 in the first 17 days last year.

The collection of surtax to-day is equally satisfactory. During the week ended January 16 there was received £7,350,000 compared with £2,450,000 in the corresponding week last year; and the total amount received in the first 16 days of the year is £15,000,000, which shows an increase of £7,000,000 over the total received in the corresponding period of 1931.—British Wireless Service.

INDIAN VICEROY'S INVITATION.

Working Committee to Meet in New Delhi.

ALL SHADES REPRESENTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Viceroy, Lord Willingdon, has issued invitations to members of the Round Table Conference Committee to meet on January 28 in New Delhi. This working committee, over which Lord Willingdon will himself preside as deputy for the Prime Minister, was set up so that the Round Table Conference should be kept in being and in order that the British Government, through the Viceroy, might continue in effective touch.

When the Finance, Federal, Finance, and States Enquiry Committees, which will shortly begin work in India, have made their recommendations this working committee, which is representative of practically all shades of Indian opinion, will be brought into consultation thereon before final conclusions are adopted by the Government.—British Wireless Service.

HEAT WAVE IN WINTER.

Londoners Doff Hats and Coats.

A JANUARY RECORD.

London, To-day.

Londoners who are abandoning hats and coats in the mid-Winter "heat wave" are encouraged to practise still further divestments by an official forecast that "The inflow of sub-tropical Atlantic air is likely to continue and be maintained, there being no indication of a break in the extraordinary mildness."

The minimum night temperature of 51 degrees last night was the lowest such in January temperature ever recorded.

Winter ailments, however, are not less severe than usual for example, influenza is more prevalent than for several years past.—Reuter's Special Service.

GANDHI'S SON ARRESTED.

Surat, Yesterday.

The youngest son of Gandhi was arrested to-day at Harijpur.

SPANISH STRIKE FEVER

Madrid, Yesterday.

A general strike-fever is still raging throughout Spain.

Workers in Galicia have declared a strike throughout the Province beginning to-day.

The leading Catholic newspaper in Madrid, El Debate, has been suspended for an indefinite period because of a leader criticising Government in connection with the Labour troubles.

Twenty-five bandits attempted to hold up a goods-train from Bilbao to Madrid, but the Civil Guards arrived and fired shots into the air when the bandits fled. Fifteen bandits have since been arrested.—Reuter.

BANKER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Sir Herbert Hambling Passes in Suffolk.

BARCLAY'S DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

London, Yesterday. Sir Herbert Hambling, Kt., D.L., J.P., Deputy Chairman of Barclays Bank and a Director of several big companies in the City, died suddenly to-day at his country home, Rockery Park, York, Suffolk. He was 70 years of age and was created a Baronet in 1924.

EMBLEMS OF SACRIFICE.

Scene in Court in Karachi.

ZEALOUS VOLUNTEER!

Karachi, Yesterday. With a garland of white flowers round his neck and a vermilion mark on his brow (emblems of sacrifice), a Congress volunteer burst into the Court-room here while the Magistrate was hearing a case, shouting "The Government is going bankrupt."

He proceeded to try to sell small packets of contraband salt, but was quickly placed under arrest.—Reuter's Special Service.

PRINCE GEORGE IN PERIL.

Narrow Escape in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, Yesterday. H.R.H. Prince George had a narrow escape to-day whilst engaged on a tour of the Edinburgh Industrial Establishment.

He was bare-headed at the time, when a piece of wood, six inches by four inches in diameter, fell from an upper window.

The wood just missed His Royal Highness, fortunately, by a few feet.

He continued his tour apparently unperturbed.

PRINCE OF WALES SCHOLARSHIP.

London, Yesterday.

The establishment of a Prince of Wales's scholarship for Argentinian students at Oxford was announced by the Prince of Wales in a speech at the Argentine Chamber of Commerce dinner held in London this evening.—Reuter.

GENERAL DAWES.

His Ambassadorial Resignation.

IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

Washington, Yesterday. After the announcement of his appointment as head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation recently formed by the Government for an extension of industrial credits, General Dawes stated that his resignation of the Ambassadorship in London would be effective immediately.—Reuter's American Service.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, to-day, states: The anti-cyclone is central over N.E. Korea, moving East. Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, nil. Total since January 1—nil against an average of 0.63 inch—deficit 0.63 inch.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 60
Macao 59
Pratas Island 68
Fochow 58
Amoy 53
Manila 63
Chefoo 25
Shanghai 43

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NO SLAMMING OF THE DOOR

EUROPE AND HER DEBTS PROBLEM

NO U.S. INTERFERENCE

EUROPEANS MUST RESTORE CONFIDENCE AMONG THEMSELVES.

Paris, Yesterday.

It is officially confirmed that M. Laval has sounded the American Ambassador, Mr. Walter Edge, in regard to the chances of the United States agreeing to a six months or a year extension of the Hoover Moratorium.

Mr. Edge has not yet received a formal reply from the State Department, but it is indicated that public and political opinion in the United States is against a renewal of the moratorium.

Washington, Yesterday.

The United States Government has informed M. Laval that Europe must settle her debts problem without interference by the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

It is pointed out that as no Allied payments to the United States are due before December 15, 1932, there will be, de facto, a five and a half months' extension of the moratorium until then. Moreover, the United States' presidential elections will be held in November, and the result, doubtless, will influence subsequent American attitude.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday

The United States Government is expected to reply to M. Laval's moratorium overture to the effect that Europe must seek her own settlement.

While there is no disposition to "slam the door," the possibility of further American concessions, it is held, is essential for Europeans to restore confidence among themselves before demanding further debt postponement.—Reuter's American Service.

EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM?

Laval Sounds the United States.

CONCRETE PLANS WANTED.

Rugby, Yesterday. The situation regarding the proposed Reparations Conference is still uncertain, although a classification is anticipated during the next day or two as the result of exchanges between the Governments concerned.

To-day M. Laval outlined his policy to his new Chamber, and it is generally expected that he will receive a vote of confidence.

Meanwhile Press messages state that he has approached the United States administration, through the American Ambassador in Paris, regarding their attitude to a possible extension of the Hoover Moratorium.

Washington Press messages state that if Europe draws up concrete plans to meet the present emergency the United States will give them careful consideration, but will not participate in the preliminary negotiations.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. GOLD FOR FRANCE

New York, Yesterday.

It is reported in Wall Street that arrangements have been completed to ship twenty-five million dollars worth of gold to Paris from New York this week, as part of France's withdrawals of balances from the United States which are expected to involve 125 million dollars.

It is explained that these shipments do not affect the United States' gold supply, since the balances held here on French account are subject to delivery on call.

The transfer of balances to France is attributed to French expectation of an easier money policy in the United States and lower interest for French funds in America.—Reuter's American Service.

A SHEPHERD'S DISCOVERY.

Body of A French Airman Found.

ON THE BEACH.

Paris, Yesterday.

A shepherd has discovered the body of an airman on the beach 20 miles west of Philippopolis.

The body is believed to be that of the wireless operator on the Albatross machine which was lost a month ago.

THORPE MANSIONS BURGLARY.

Old Offender Back to Old Calling.

PAWN TICKETS TRACED.

Three Chinese were brought before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Magistracy this morning, on various counts of larceny, burglary and receiving. Detective - Sergeant Fitches, who prosecuted, said that the first accused had been remanded from Monday, on which day he had been charged with larceny from the person, and, as a result of enquiries which were pursued, the other two men were arrested.

First accused, who was charged this morning with breaking and entering the residence of Dr. Greaves, No. 4, Thorpe Mansions, first floor, on January 8, had been released from jail only on the previous day, and he was suspected immediately. The goods stolen were a gold wedding ring, two silver watches, a pair of shoes and \$50 in Hong Kong currency. When arrested, accused admitted the offence, and took the officer to a house in Stonewall Lane, where the other two men were arrested. A spirit level found on the bed at that address was admitted to have been stolen by the third accused from a house under construction in Fuk Wing Street, Kowloon. A quantity of pawn tickets was found in possession of second accused, which resulted in his being charged with receiving part of the proceeds of the Thorpe Mansions burglary and with larceny of clothing from the Hang Sang contractors' match at Bonham Road on January 15.

First accused was sentenced to eight months' hard labour on the bag snatching offence, to which he pleaded guilty on Monday, and, in addition, to four months' hard labour for burglary.

Second accused was sent to jail for five months for receiving and burglary, and the third man received five weeks' hard labour for larceny.

PEAK BURGLARIES

Two Soldiers Charged at Magistracy.

ONE PLEADS GUILTY.

Two privates of the South Wales Borderers, who have been detained by the Police in connection with the series of burglaries at the Peak, were this morning charged before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Magistracy with the theft of a quantity of silver ware and other goods from No. 168, the value of the stolen articles being \$811.

The first accused, Thomas Hughes, pleaded guilty, but the second, William Howell, pleaded not guilty.

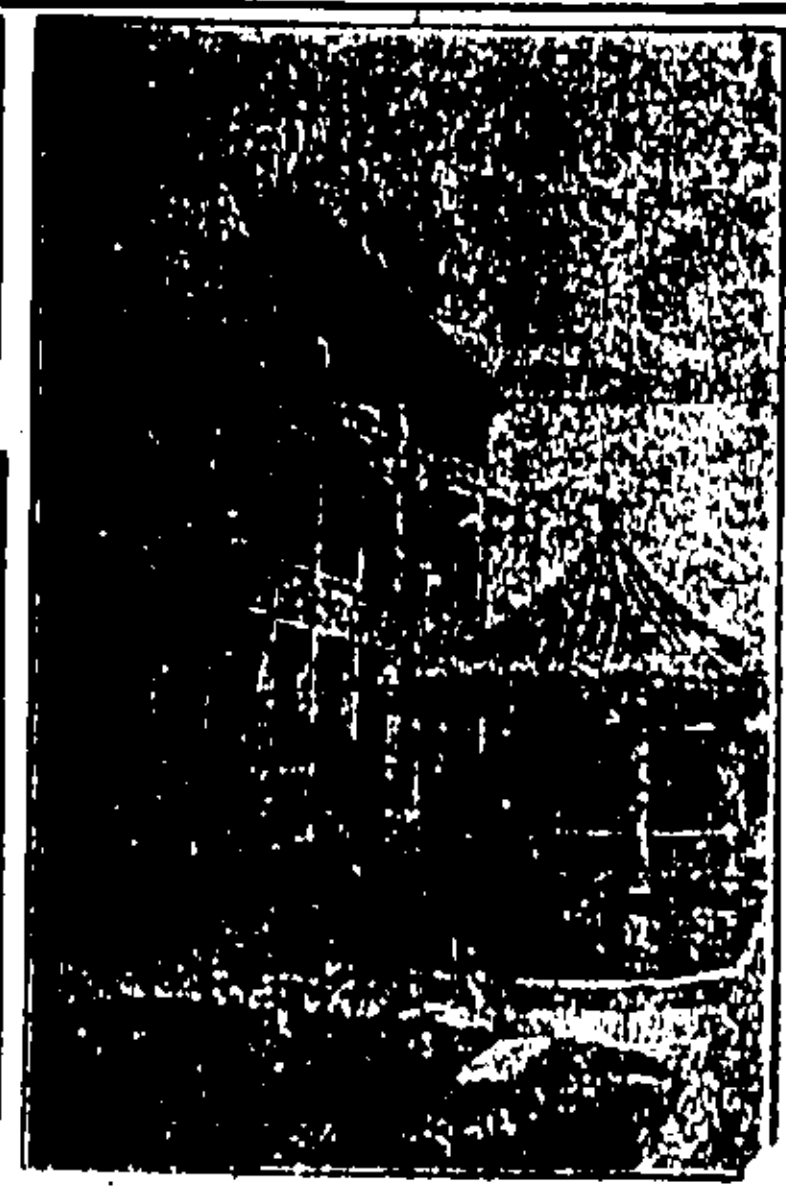
When asked by the Magistrate if he would accept this plea, Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., said that he could not, and asked for one week's remand, which was granted.

STOP PRESS

Nanking, To-day.

A telephone message from Hangchow states that Chiang Kai-shek was unable to take off for Nanking as intended, but will fly to the Capital this afternoon if the weather clears up. If not, he will definitely leave for Nanking tomorrow morning.

Wang Shih-ho, Commander of Chiang Kai-shek's bodyguards, arrived here this morning with a number of his men. Chiang Kai-shek's return here is now considered a certainty.—Reuter.



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What Mail Reviewers Say.

"THE IDLE RICH."

"The middle classes are the most class-conscious people living," says William Van Luyn, in the clever domestic comedy-drama, "The Idle Rich," now showing at the Star Theatre, and indeed the plot proves it so.

Taken from the book "Regular People," and adapted from the play, "The White Collar Brigade," this amusing story of the great middle classes is a picture worth seeing. Briefly it is a story of a working girl who marries her employer, and the attendant disputes that follow in the train of the wedding.

Supporting Conrad Nagel are Bessie Love and Leila Hyams.

From Official Sources.

"BAD GIRL."

Two weeks before signing a Fox Film contract, James Dunn, who has the featured male role opposite Sally Eilers in "Bad Girl," coming to the King's Theatre very shortly, regarded Hollywood as an unattainable actor's paradise peopled with gods and goddesses of whom he had read and heard all his life but whom he never dreamed of associating with as an equal.

Following his school years, Dunn joined his father in business and remained with him three years. An understanding permitted James to leave at any time to accept work as an extra in New York film studios. His ready wit, quick smile and engaging personality were his main investments and they paid dividends of \$10,000 in one season as a salesman. Of all things, his line consisted of portable lunch wagons, known in the hinterlands as hot dog stands. Then he took the ten grand, sank it in a stock pool that was to revolutionize modern finance, and emerged within 24 hours with the saddening experience as his only asset.

He decided to go in for acting and obtained a role in "Night Stick" that stamped him instantly as rich histrionic material. An opportunity with a stock company followed.

Later Fox film scouts secured his signature to a contract before competing Hollywood representatives could beat them to it.

"EAST OF BORNEO."

Sole owner of an island in the South Seas! That is the enviable status of Charles Bickford, perhaps the most puzzling personality of the Hollywood film colony. And he has acquired the island with a very definite purpose in mind.

In Hollywood recently, the strapping red haired, red faced actor gave an inkling of his plans. "I make no secret of the fact," said Bickford, "that above all things I prefer an outdoor life. Insofar as I am able, I want to lead a simple existence, with the elements of life given their true values. Many of my associates have formed the opinion that I am temperamental, but in reality I am simply fighting for the things which I feel are truest and best."

"And so, some day, I am going to take my family and enjoy a long vacation on my little islet in the South Seas—away from people, telephones, everything. It is not the old pose of wanting to 'get away from it all,' but a simple desire to get back to Nature and really live."

In his latest screen appearance greatly similar to his island, since

Bickford is seen in surroundings the action takes place in the jungles of Malaya. The picture, which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day, is Universal's strange drama, "East of Borneo," in which Bickford appears opposite Rose Hobart, with a supporting cast including George Renavent, Lupita Tovar, Noble Johnson and several hundred natives of the Far East.

"ANNABELLE'S AFFAIRS."

Victor McLaglen, brawny he-man of the films and Jeanette MacDonald, beautiful and talented screen actress, are the principal players in "Annabelle's Affairs," the Fox picture adapted from "Good Gracious Annabelle," Clare Kummer's popular stage comedy, showing to-day at the King's Theatre.

Seldom has a production boasted of so many outstanding comedians in the cast. Appearing in supporting roles are Roland Young, William Collier, sen., Ruth Warren, Sam Hardy, Joyce Compton, Sally Blane, George Andre Beranger, Wilbur Mack, Walter Walker, Ernest Wood, Jed Prouty, Hank Mann and Louise Beaver.

Miss MacDonald enacts the role of a girl who, by a strange circumstance, finds herself married to a rough and ignorant miner. After she escapes from him he becomes immensely wealthy.

On her wedding day, the miner gives her 50 shares of stock and though she was instructed never to part with the stock, she borrows \$700 on it with which to buy a pair of lounging pyjamas.

She learns the stock is worth millions and that her primitive husband and another multi-millionaire, Roland Wimbleton, are fighting for control of the mine.

She gets engaged as cook at the Wimbleton residence. She meets her husband but does not recognise him on account of his improved appearance and manner of speech. He tells her he wants the stock and offers a liberal bribe, but though the girl has, by now, fallen in love with him, she is loyal to her husband and refuses to part with it.

It is not until he grabs her primitively and gives her a hug and kiss that she recognises him.

"THE MAN THEY COULDN'T ARREST."

Miss Clama has distinction of filling the only feminine role in the Gainsborough thriller, "The Man They Couldn't Arrest," now at the Queen's. A London girl, she gave up the study of art for the screen, and was selected from numerous candidates, including experienced actresses, for the chief role in "The Devil's Maze," a Gaumont-British film. Miss Clama is twenty-two, petite, a pretty brunette who hails from Clapham.

She has appeared in numerous Gaumont and Gainsborough films, including "Greek Street," "No Lady," and "The Stronger Sex," and will be happily remembered for her playing in "The Sport of Kings."

"HUSH MONEY."

Chronic dissatisfaction, both with things as they are and with himself, has sent Hardie Albright, who is co-featured with Joan Bennett in the Fox drama, "Hush Money," to be shown at the King's Theatre to-morrow, a long way on the road to success.

Broadway he crashed unromantically, for he caught on almost immediately. There followed principal roles in "Gang War," "A Hundred Years Old," "The Cradle Song" and "Young Sinners."

He played in "Young Sinners" until he was offered the juvenile lead in "The Greeks Had A Word For It."

But when a Fox scout approach-

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:
5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme.

7.03-7.30 p.m.—Band Selections.
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8 p.m.—Local Time.

7.30-8.08 p.m.—Humorous Numbers.

Song—Gorgonzola.
We Must All Pull Together. Jack Morrison (DB330).

Sketch—So I Says to Him, Sydney Howard (Yorkshire Comedian) (DB250).

Orchestral—My Brother Makes the Noises for the Talkies, Skin 'n' Milk the Sergeant, Jack Payne and the B.B.C. Orchestra (CB317).

Sketch—The Royal & Ancient Game, Clapham & Dwyther (DB570).

Duet—A Couple of Fine Old Schools, Clifford Mollington & Arthur Riscoe (DB351).

8.08-8.40 p.m.—A Concert.
Cello Solo—Vilanelle (Pianelli arr. Salmon), Felix Salmon (M7117).

Song—A Summer Night (Marsalis & Irving Thomas), My Dearest Heart (Sullivan), Doris Vane, Soprano (DX71).

Piano Solo—Poisons D'Or (Debussy), Myra Hess (M7151).

Song—Tommy Lad (Trenchard & Margatson), King Charles (Browning & White), Norman Allin, Bass (DB300).

Flute Duet—Valse Des Mascottes (Gennin), Jean & Pierre Gennin with the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (DB321).

8.40-9 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
Maui No La Ka Oi, Maui Girl, King's Nawahi's Hawaiians (DB248).

Hawaiian Capers, King's Nawahi's Hawaiians (DB225).

10-10.18 p.m.—Grieg's Ballade in G Minor Op. 24, Played by Leopold Godowsky (87746-7).

10.30 p.m. (approx.)—Close Down.

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ed him with an offer to take a test for the screen version of "Young Sinners," Albright jumped at the chance. He took the test and won not only the role but a long term contract as well.

"FIVE AND TEN." Richard Bennett's complaint against "prop" stories he had to smoke in "Five and Ten," Marion Davies' new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle which is coming to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre, touched the sympathy of the star.

Bennett found he had to keep changing cigars constantly because they burned down too rapidly in scenes, so Miss Davies presented him with a perfect nearly three feet long which she had made to order for him.

Robert Z. Leonard directed the new Davies film from the Fannie Hurst novel with Leslie Howard playing opposite the star. The supporting cast includes Irene Rich, Kent Douglass, Mary Duncan, and Les Beranger.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-morrow—Old Bedfordians' annual dinner, Hong Kong Club, 8 p.m.

Friday—Reel Club Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Saturday—Burns Dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre: "Annabelle's Affairs."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Man They Couldn't Arrest."

To-day—Central Theatre: "East of Borneo."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "The Seas Beneath."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Idle Rich."

To-morrow—Chinese Play at Helena May Institute.

Home Malls.
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Bennvenue), 1.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.
To-morrow—At Sale Room, collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Friday—At 60A, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Friday—At Sale Room, collection of stamps, 5.15 p.m.

POLICE INSPECTOR'S DEATH.

Hindu Boy To Be Transported.

"An unreasonable and perverse verdict," said Chief Justice Ghose in the Calcutta High Court, in reversing the majority verdict of not guilty returned by the jury at Chittagong on the young Hindu who at the end of last August shot dead Khan Bahadur Ashanullah, the police inspector who had supervised the investigation into the raid on the Chittagong armoury in April last. Chief Justice Ghose made this remark about the jury's verdict when passing a sentence of life transportation, says Reuter. The dominant factor governing this sentence was the boy's age, which was 16, the Chief Justice remarked, although the Court admitted that it was taking considerable responsibility in refraining from passing the death penalty.

The police inspector, Khan Bahadur Ashanullah, was shot while taking part in rejoicings following a football final. The Chittagong jury found the accused not guilty by a majority verdict of seven to two, but the sessions judge disagreed with the verdict and referred the case to the Calcutta High Court.

SUMMARY JUSTICE IN HUNGARY.

Another man was sentenced to death at Vienna recently by a court martial under the existing martial law and executed two hours later. Stephen Horvath, aged 26, had killed a policeman in a Budapest suburb. He pleaded that he had no murderous intentions and that the death of the policeman, inflicted by the butt-end of his revolver, was accidental. The sentence of death was given at five o'clock in the afternoon, and at seven o'clock that evening Horvath was hanged in the courtyard prison.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

RESULT OF BYRKLEY STEEPLECHASE.

Privats Pride Wins in Field of Seven.

RUNNERS FOR TO-DAY.

London, Yesterday.
The result of the Byrkley Steeplechase at Derby was:—

Privats Pride 1
Parting Shot 2
Spot of Bother 3
There were seven starters.
Betting:—
11 to 4 agst. Privats Pride.
11 to 8 agst. Parting Shot.
100 to 8 agst. Spot of Bother.
Sefton Steeplechase.

The following are the probable runners in the Sefton Steeplechase at Newbury on Wednesday, with pre-post betting:—

6 to 4 Golden Miller.
5 to 2 Parsons' Well.
9 to 2 The Torch.
6 to 1 Gleesome.
7 to 1 Dusty Feet.
8 to 1 Laminaria.
10 to 1 Kellsore Jock.

ELLIS KADOORIE ATHLETICS.

Nearly Everybody Takes Part in the Meet.

DARSHAN SINGH CHAMPION.

The annual athletic sports meeting of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians was held yesterday afternoon on the ground of the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo. There were no fewer than 20 events on the programme, and almost every boy in the school took part.

The prizes were distributed at the conclusion of the meeting by Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Inspector of English Schools and former headmaster of this institution.

The full results were as follows:
High Jump (Sr.)—1, Darshan Singh; 2, A. R. Khan.
High Jump (Jr.)—1, Soonan Abo; 2, Mohd. Yusuf.
Three-Legged Race (Sr.)—1, Mohd. Dawood and R. Shamsuddin; 2, Ali Mohd. and S. Hassan.
Three-Legged Race (Jr.)—1, Mohd. Barkat and Sunan Abo; 2, Mohd. Yusuf and A. H. Abbas.
100 Yards (Sr.)—1, Darshan Singh; 2, Abdum.
100 Yards (Jr.)—1, Ismail Ali; 2, Sunan Abo.
Sack Race (Sr.)—1, S. Ebrahim; 2, Mohd. Dawood.
Sack Race (Jr.)—1, A. H. Abbas; 2, Mohinder Singh.
220 Yards (Sr.)—1, Darshan Singh; 2, Abdum.
220 Yards (Jr.)—1, Ismail Ali; 2, Sunan Abo.
Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, Darshan Singh; 2, Munchit Khan.
Class 8 Race—1, Ismail Ali; 2, Yusuf Wahab.
Half Mile Race—1, Darshan Singh; 2, D. Shamsuddin.
Quarter Mile Race—1, Ismail Ali; 2, A. H. Abbas.
Class 7 Race—1, S. M. Abdul Rahman; 2, Mohd. Yusuf.
Arithmetical Race—1, Darshan Singh; 2, Surat Singh.
Arithmetical Race (Jr.)—1, Pura Singh; 2, D. Talip.
Masters' Race—1, Mr. A. Bakar.
One Mile—1, Darshan Singh; 2, D. Shamsuddin.
Consolation Race—1, J. Kitchell; 2, R. M. Bux.
Old Boys' Race—1, M. el Archulli; 2, Dawood Ali.
Senior Champion—1, Darshan Singh.

CHAMPIONS AT HOME TO CRAIGENGOWER.

Strongest XI Fielded for Saturday.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Craigengower C.C. on Saturday on the L.R.C. ground:—
"A. A. Rumjahn (captain), F. D. Pereira, A. H. Rumjahn, S. R. Kermani, A. H. Madar, A. B. Minu, A. K. Minu, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. A. Curran and H. D. Ramjahn.

ENRAGED CYCLIST INCIDENT.

Hurls Machine at His Competitors.

EXHAUSTED RIDERS.

Surrounded by all the remaining competitors in the race, and finally brought to the ground amid a storm of insults from his colleagues, Frankenstein, a well-known Continental rider competing in the six-days' race at Rhine-land Hall, Cologne, on December 3, in a furious passion flung his bicycle at the oncoming riders.

One of the men, named Schorn, was brought down, with his head cut and bleeding, by a blow from a pedal of Frankenstein's machine.

A hand-to-hand fight ensued and matters looked so serious that the police intervened, and used their truncheons on the combatants.

The fight was really due to the frayed tempers of the exhausted riders who, with only brief intervals for rest, have undergone the nerve-racking ordeal of circling the small indoor track.

The incident which fired their resentment towards Frankenstein occurred when he took upon himself to shoot ahead of the field, overlapping his exhausted colleagues at the rear and coming up to the front.

It was then that they closed in upon him and brought him down, and he replied by using his cycle as a missile.

The police acted as a cooler on the competitors, and the race continued.

Our Sports Diary.

ATHLETICS—To-morrow and Friday—Volunteers Sports (Heats) at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday—Volunteers Sports at the Club de Recreio at 2.30 p.m.
GOLF—To-morrow—Third Round of Taggart Cup (Ladies' Section).

Friday—First Round of Ladies' Championship.

FOOTBALL—To-day—Interport Trial at K.F.C. at 4 p.m.

Saturday—Second Division—Argylls v. University; R.A.O.C. v. Navy; Club v. Twelfth Heavy Battery; Borders v. Kowloon; Chinese League—Sung Ching v. Chinese Athletic "B"; South China "A" v. Eastern; Yee Woo v. Chinese Athletic "A".

HOCKEY—To-day—Sim Shield—Hong Kong Club v. Army on U.S.R.C. ground at 4.30 p.m.

To-morrow—St. Andrew's v. University II.

Friday—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Jats at King's Park at 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's v. Royal Signals.

HUNTING—To-day—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet at Sheungshui at 3.15 p.m.

CRICKET—Saturday—First Division—Indian R.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); Navy v. Kowloon C.C. (F.); Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Artillery (F.); Second Division—Craigengower C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio (L.); University v. Police R.C. (L.).

RUGBY—FOOTBALL—Saturday—Probably Interport XV. v. The Rest at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

STEPPLECHASING—Sunday—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwantli.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY SUBSTITUTE.

High-Speed Seaplane Contest.

AN AMERICAN TROPHY.

Washington, Dec. 16.
A scheme for replacing the race for the Schneider Trophy, which was won outright by Great Britain this year, by an international high-speed seaplane contest, for an American trophy, was made public today by the National Aeronautical Association of America.

The race, which it is believed here, may become the world's speed classic, will be a competition for the Curtiss Marine Trophy, which has hitherto been the prize of the Navy and Marine Corps seaplane races.
It is planned to add \$5,000 (\$1,000 at per) prize money.
Reuter.

PORTUGUESE CO. TAKE THE LEAD.

Gosano Brothers Gain Places in High Jump.

VOLUNTEER SPORTS.

The High Jump event in connection with the Hong Kong Volunteers' Sports next Saturday, was competed for yesterday afternoon and resulted as follows:—

1. A. V. Gosano (Portuguese Co.).
2. J. J. Ferguson (Scottish Co.).
3. B. Gosano (Portuguese Co.).

PRIMO CARNERA IS "TOO BIG."

Discharge From French Military Duties.

New York.
Carnera has won another battle, this time with the French military authorities, who wanted the "Ambling Alp" of pugilism as a recruit.

M. See, his manager, has announced that Carnera has now been exempted from performing military duties in France—"because he is too big"—information to this effect having reached him from the French Government.

Carnera was recently examined at the French Consulate. Negotiations for his appearance in Paris against an unnamed French boxer in the dreadnought class have been taking place.

Although Carnera is of Italian birth he was claimed as a French citizen after having signed naturalisation papers when employed as a carpenter in France.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN WINNING POSITION.

Lonergan's 1st Century of the Season.

Adelaide, Dec. 26.
The following were to-day's close of play scores in the Sheffield Shield match between South Australia and Queensland:—
South Australia: 421 (Lonergan 137, Whitfield 82, Richardson 76) and 58 for no wicket.
Queensland: 267 (Oxenham 82, Sides 74, Lee 4 for 39).
—Reuter.

N.S.W.'S POSITION AGAINST VICTORIA.

Big First Innings Advantage.

Melbourne, Dec. 26.
The following are to-day's close of play scores in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Victoria, which commenced on Thursday:—
N.S.W.: 276 (Ironmonger 4 for 75) and 243 for 9 (Lead-better 56).
Victoria: 108 (O'Reilly 5 for 22).
There was no play yesterday.
—Reuter.

H.K. CLUB CRICKET ELEVEN.

Against Civil Service on Saturday.

The following will play for the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Civil Service Cricket Club on Saturday on the Club ground:—
R. K. Hepburn (captain), A. C. Beck, F. R. Duckitt, F. A. M. Elliott, W. D. Folley, C. E. Gahagan, O. E. C. Marton, P. W. J. Planner, J. R. Batten, B. E. Stock and J. R. Way.

In my very humble opinion there is nothing at all wrong with English tennis. In my humble opinion English tennis is in a better condition than it has ever been since the wonderful days of the Dohertys. It is a tree with strong roots well watered. The sap is flowing freely. The flowers are blossoming. Very shortly they will be in full bloom.—H. W. Austin.

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CARDIFF DRAW WITH BRISTOL.

Harlequins Defeat Their Age-Old Rivals.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS.

London, Jan. 3. The following were the results of Rugby football matches played yesterday:—

Yorkshire	9	Cheshire	16
Richmond	11	Fettes-Loretto	10
Bath	16	Devonport Ser.	0
Cardiff	3	Bristol	3
Cheltenham	0	Gloucester	0
Leicester	3	Swansea	3
Newport	12	Plymouth	0
Portsmouth Ser.	3	Blackheath	8
Edinburgh A.	6	Glasgow H.S.	3
Bradford	0	Coventry	13

N. of Ireland	25	Liverpool	3
Birkenhead P.	35	Bradford	14
Harlequins	17	Blackheath	8
Coventry	5	Northampton	3
Old Merchant			
Taylor's	3	Ldon Scottish	0
London Irish	8	St. Bart's H.	11
Leicester	14	Roslyn Park	5

—Reuter.

IN DEFENCE OF THE ALL BLACKS.

F. Lucas Indignant Over N.Z. Suggestions.

Auckland, Dec. 23.

F. Lucas, one of the centre three-quarters of the famous unbeaten All Black Rugby team, which toured Britain in 1924, made an indignant reply to the attacks in New Zealand, alleging that the team had been regarded in Britain more as pot-hunters rather than as sportsmen.

It was significant, said Lucas, that British sportsmen entertained the team at a farewell function, at which the Prince of Wales attended and personally presented the New Zealanders with a loving cup.

Lucas declared that their unbeaten record was not established regardless of consequences, as was suggested.

The players of other countries will be concentrating on improvement. The young hopes of France have just embarked on an ambitious scheme of physical training; Ellsworth Vines, the new champion of America and the conqueror of Perry, is to spend the winter at home in Pasadena, learning new strokes and remedy weak spots in his game. This is the sort of thing our players, small and great, should be doing during the next few months. There is no English player so good that he cannot improve his tennis by taking a little thought, and no one so bad that a passable game cannot be acquired by assiduous practice.—H. R. McDonald.

STEVE MAY RIDE PHARLAP.

Formidable Combination for U.S. Classic.

CHANCE OF A LIFE TIME.

New York, Jan. 9.

The Australian "wonder" horse, Pharlap, who arrived in America on January 15 to compete in the great Aqueduct Handicap on January 20, may be ridden by the famous British jockey, Steve Donoghue. The latter is now on holiday in America and it is unofficially stated that he has been offered the chance of riding Pharlap in the great race.—Reuter.

E. P. NUPEN IN GREAT FORM WITH BALL.

Takes 16 Wickets for 136 Runs.

Johannesburg, Dec. 24.

E. P. Nupen, the left-handed South African bowler, whose brilliant bowling combined with clever captaincy in the first Test Match was largely responsible for South Africa's triumph over England last season, has commenced the present season excellently by taking 9 wickets for 48 runs in the first innings and 7 wickets for 88 runs in the second innings for Transvaal Lions of the North against Griqualand West in the Currie Cup.

Transvaal, who at present hold the trophy, won by 8 wickets.—Reuter.

Foreign tennis players new to America have their special difficulties to surmount. The ball is different. It lends itself to hard hitting in preference to the safe type of game. The heat in August is usually terrific. The grass courts are not uniformly good, largely, I believe, because anyone is allowed to wear spikes at any time. The result is that the volleyer rushing to the net on spikes unwittingly tears the court surface and the defensive player gets the false bounds. Thus there is only one motto in America—hit a winner as soon as possible.—F. J. Perry.

We saw many misfields, knock-ons, and dropped passes among the London men, while on the South African side I cannot remember a single misfield, and dropped passes were few and far between. In addition, in picking up the ball on the run the Springboks always seemed to do it surely and neatly. I do not think nearly enough attention is paid to these little items in practice nowadays. Too much time is wasted when out training in aimless kicking about or dribbling up and down the field.—G. V. Stephenson.

THE RETURN OF CHIANG-WANG-AND HU.

Wanted Back at Nanking.

FEVERISH EFFORTS.

Nanking, Jan. 10.

Domestic political activities have for the moment resolved themselves into a feverish effort to bring about the return of General Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Mr. Hu Han-min, the three members of the Standing Committee of the Central Political Council. Their absence from the Capital is holding up all decisions for the conduct of the Government.

It may be noted that under the existing system of Party tutelage, as has been pointed out by Mr. Sun Fo in a recent statement, the Central Political Council, as the political mouthpiece of the C.E.C., is the highest political authority in the country during the recess of the Plenary Session of the C.E.C. Every important policy of the State must be considered and decided upon by this Council before the Executive Yuan can carry it into effect.

With all three members of the Standing Committee of the Council away from the Capital, Government business is practically at a standstill.

The Central Authorities have therefore decided to request Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan, to proceed to Shanghai to prevail upon Mr. Wang Ching-wei to come to the Capital. President Yu will also go to Hong Kong to meet Mr. Hu Han-min.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Executive Yuan, has already left for Shanghai for the purpose of urging Mr. Wang Ching-wei to withdraw his resignation. President Sun will also proceed immediately to Fenghua from Shanghai to urge the return of General Chiang Kai-shek. It is understood that General Chen Ming-shu, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and Mr. Chu Cheng, Vice-President of the Judicial Yuan, are also leaving shortly for Fenghua to urge General Chiang to return.

to the Capital in order to shoulder jointly the responsibility of coping with the present national crisis.

The quiet repose of the Sleepy Hollow in Fenghua, where General Chiang is now enjoying the pleasures of rural life, will be rudely disturbed by an invasion of students if the decision of the Nanking University students to proceed to Fenghua en masse is carried into effect. The students also decided to proceed to Hong Kong to urge the return of Mr. Hu Han-min after they have visited the ex-President at Fenghua. Arrangements are being made with the Ministry of Railways for the provision of transportation facilities.

As it is almost a certainty that this decision, if actually carried into effect, will be eagerly followed by the students of other universities, a student invasion of Fenghua and possibly Hong Kong is anticipated.

Mr. Wang Issues a Statement.

Shanghai, Jan. 10.

Issuing another statement from his sick-bed, Mr. Wang Ching-wei re-asserts his unwavering and hearty support of the new Government. He points out that it was solely because of physical inability to assume his post that he had tendered his resignation in order that the post might be filled by another competent leader.

He declares that as soon as he is sufficiently recovered, he will do his utmost to discharge his responsibility.

A Joint Manifesto.

The Greater Shanghai-Amalgamated Street Unions have issued a joint manifesto calling upon Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Hu Han-min and Chiang Kai-shek as well as other duly elected members of the new National Government Council to return to the Capital to assume their duties. The manifesto draws attention to the gravity of the situation arising out of the Manchurian crisis as well as to the ominous rumours of the formation of rival entities and alliances among militarists in the provinces.

The manifesto points out that the various duly elected leaders of the new Government owe it to the Party as well as to the country to take up their duties without further delay. If the Party leaders really consider

themselves unable to shoulder their responsibility, they should restore the governing powers to the people and not persist in their present attitude of dilatoriness and irresponsibility which can not but prove most detrimental to the country, the manifesto concludes.

In a Press interview after his arrival from Nanking yesterday, Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Executive Yuan, emphasised again the imperative necessity of the return of Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Hu Han-min and Chiang Kai-shek in order jointly to face the crisis. While he could not predict whether these three leaders would eventually emerge from their retirement and come to Nanking, President Sun expressed the hope that they would not lightly disregard the grave dangers of the present situation and persist in their attitude of aloofness.

President Sun said that he was fully aware that he would not prove equal to the heavy responsibility his post entails. It was only out of regard for the Party and the country that he had assumed office in the face of overwhelming difficulties. It had been his hope to bring about actual co-operation between Messrs. Wang, Chiang and Hu so that the transitional period might be ended.

Concluding, he said that with the absence of the three veteran leaders, the political situation is fraught with grave danger. He would make now a last effort to prevail upon these leaders to shoulder their responsibility. Should his efforts again prove abortive, he would have no choice but to tender his resignation.—Kuo Min.

DEVIL'S ISLAND CONVICTS.

Salvation Army Plan.

The Salvation Army proposes to send out an expedition in the Spring of this year to the French convict settlements, commonly known as Devil's Island, and to open hostels there.

The Salvation Army Year-book, 1932, describing the lives of the convicts, points out that they have not even the hope of one day returning to their native land to buy

(Continued in next column.)

GARRICK CLUB CENTENARY

PRINCE PRESENT AT DINNER.
Famous Figures.

The first thirty-three years of the Garrick's existence were spent "I am sorry I cannot help you, sir; you see, we do not encourage publicity."

Thus spoke (writes a special representative of the Daily Telegraph) the suave-mannered guardian of the precincts at the Garrick Club when I sought information concerning the arrangements for the centenary dinner presided over by Lord Buckmaster on November 23 at which the Prince of Wales was one of the members attending. In that unbending attitude, in which courtesy was blended with firmness, he was but following traditional custom. For was it not from the Garrick that Edmund Yates was expelled on the complaint of the sensitive Thackeray for having offended against the letter of the law of privacy?

And was not the author of the "Ingoldsby Legends," one of the club's original members, stirred to deep bitterness because one of his fellow members, "a low scribbler, without an atom of talent," dared to publish an account of a private dinner given within the walls?

With such examples of club etiquette as these before him what could the present upholder of its dignities say? And yet the centenary celebrations of a club so famous as the Garrick are not without interest amongst those who cannot claim the honour of membership.

Literature and Drama.

Instituted in 1831, the original purpose of the Garrick was the "bringing together the patrons of the drama and its professors, and to offer literary men a rendezvous." A much wider interpretation as a social rendezvous, and its membership represents a catholicity of tastes undreamed of by its foundation members; but, as becomes a club bearing the name of one of the most illustrious lights of the stage, membership is greatly coveted by actors. Indeed, election is regarded as conferring in some sense an imprimatur upon an actor's achievement.

them up.

"Under the system known as doubleage a man sentenced to less than eight years' hard labour must upon completion of that term reside in the colony for a further period equaling that of his sentence, if his sentence exceeded eight years he is forced after his 'liberation' to remain in the colony all his life. The lot of the liberes, of whom there are 2,400, is in fact, worse than that of the convicts. They have to supply their own needs; the possibilities of employment are very rare, and they soon become exhausted, begin to steal or commit other crimes, until finally—almost fortunately—they are reinterned."

in occupancy of premises in King Street, Covent Garden, a district much favoured by the wits and literary characters of the early nineteenth century. In 1864 it was removed to the more commodious building which subsequently gave Garrick Street its name, and in the famous dining room a distinguished company met recently to celebrate its centenary.

From the walls there looked down a company no less distinguished, each the work of men no less famous, and each showing the player "in his habit as he lived," as well as in the motley which he donned to give expression to his part. Most of the pictures are of representative scenes taken from eighteenth century plays, one wall being covered entirely with Zoffany's.

Pictures and Potations.

Nell Gwynne, Peg Woffington, Samuel Foote, Colley Cibber, Charles Mathews, Charles Kemble, and his wife, and a host of others all have a niche in the club rooms bearing eloquent tribute to the artistry of such giants as Sir John Reynolds, Sir Peter Lely, Opie, Gainsborough, and Hogarth.

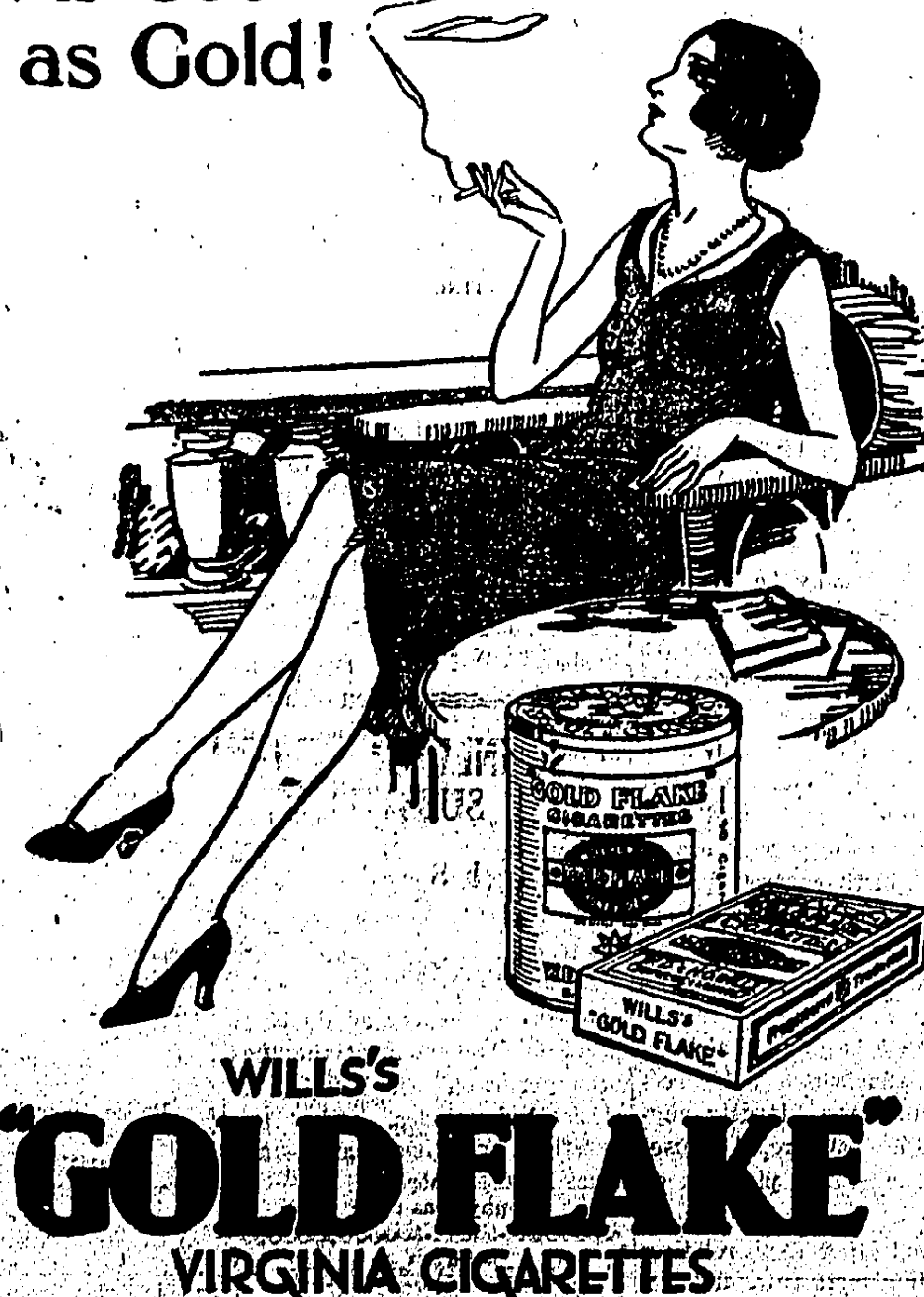
In recent years most of the pictures have been re-hung under the guidance of Mr. A. J. Munnings, and additions to the famous gallery are continually being made. Two of the more recent are a caricature of Irving by Charles Kean, presented by the King, and a small bronze bust of Lucien Guitry, given by Sacha Guitry.

Now was there any departure from traditions in the matter of potations served at last night's celebration. The famous gin-punch made with iced soda water which nearly a century ago quenched the thirst of Mr. Theodore Hook claimed many a sampler, and in an age which has seen a revolution in social customs there were several who had resorted to the snuff-boxes still kept replenished on mantel and table.

How the inclusion of both these adjuncts must have gladdened the spirit of Hook, most lovable of all Garrick men. He it was who "never went home till morning" after being told by the doctors to avoid the night air.

Among those attending the centenary dinner were Viscount Burnham, Lord Blanesborough, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., Sir Henry Cutis-Bennett, Sir Max Pemberton, Sir Edwin Lutyens, Sir Arthur Pinero, Sir Milsom Rees, Mr. Justice Avory, Mr. Cyril Maude, Mr. Seymour Hicks, Mr. Edmund Gwenn, Mr. Henry Ainley, Mr. Owen Nares, Mr. Lynn Harding, Mr. John Drinkwater, Mr. A. J. Munnings, B.A., Mr. Mr. Herbert Marshall, Major Ian Hay Beth, and Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1932.

Birth Control.

It may be expected that more than a ripple will affect the flow of controversy over birth control by the query raised by the Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, namely:—

"Why is there all this talk of birth control when statistics show an alarming downward grade of natality throughout the white populations of the world while the coloured races, on the contrary, are increasing?"

The writer at the Vatican protests strongly against the suggestions recently made that there are exceptions to the prohibition of birth control by the Catholic Church. The article characterises the attitude of the Protestants in regard to birth control as confused, remarkable:—

"The Lambeth Conference issued an ambiguous condemnation of the practice and a lady, was recently decorated for her work connected with the opening of birth control clinics which are actual agencies of infanticide."

Childless and one-child families may eventually be the rule in American cities, if present population trends continue. An article on the decrease in the size of families, which appears in the Quarterly Bulletin of the Milbank Memorial Fund, says that as long ago as 1890 and even earlier, before the present era of organised birth control propaganda, families of this size were becoming more and more common in urban communities, in the lower as well as the middle and upper classes, and that even in rural districts two and three-child families were largely supplanting the patriarchal households of the sturdy pioneers of yesterday.

These and other facts relating to the falling birth rate, and the bearing of this subject on the numerous social and economic problems especially acute in this period of depression, are revealed by Dr. Frank W. Notestein,

member of the research division of the Milbank Memorial Fund, who has made available for the first time an analysis of data about population based on the Federal census of 1910. The directors of the Fund believe that scientific knowledge of population trends will be an invaluable aid in formulating future programmes in the fields of social welfare and public health.

Small families have both advantages and disadvantages, Dr. Notestein points out. "A decline in the proportion of very large families," he says, "particularly in 'lower' urban social classes, gives better opportunities for the children that are born. It means less crushing poverty, better food, homes, health, and education, and fewer families whose entire consuming power is devoted to the bare necessities of life. At the other extreme, an increase in the proportion of very small families means that an increasingly large number of children are reared without the companionship of brothers and sisters, and the necessity of sharing the attention and affection of their parents with others. Fewer women find their whole time profitably taken up by the duties of the home, and an increasingly large number feel free to seek outside employment. The result is doubtless greater economic independence for women, bringing with it quite possibly a weakening of the home ties on both the husband and wife, and an increase in the proportion of homes broken by separation and divorce."

The question of birth control is one that should be studied on its own merits. There seems a tendency in certain quarters today, in Europe as well as America, to confuse birth control with the unsavoury subject of child abortion—hence, no doubt, a great deal of the heat that has been generated, in certain ecclesiastical circles. The two questions are miles apart—and must be kept there!

From Other Pens.

The Public House Problem.

The reported seizure of the Drink Commission to see a higher standard of accommodation and con-

fort in public-houses may not, in itself, carry us much beyond the beginnings of a new controversy. For what is "superior accommodation" and what is "comfort" in terms of the public-houses? As far as can be judged, brewers and public-house architects hold one view while novelists, poets, and even superior persons hold its exact opposite. The modern brewer's idea of superior comfort and accommodation involves a "lounge" rather resembling the living-room of the middle-class house in an American film, a spacious apartment with settees, palms in the corners, glass-covered tables, "refined" prints on the walls, and a faint smell of varnish over all.

Take up any novel, on the other hand, and you will find that the public-house accommodation which is praised and described with uncritical enthusiasm is something closely resembling what Charles Dickens looked for—snuggles rather than space, a little of what schoolboys call "frowst," wooden settees and wooden armchairs, a bright fire instead of a radiator, and an atmosphere of welcome rather than that of the public rooms of a "luxury hotel"—those monuments of discomfort and aloofness. The brewers are destroying everywhere the kind of public-house novelists and poets describe as perfect. Is it proposed to accelerate or to retard that process?—Manchester Guardian.

Books in 1931.

The classified analysis of books published during 1931 contains much interesting matter for speculation.

The total is down by 705 as compared with 1930, but fiction is up by 79, and new editions by 335. The largest drop is in "poetry and drama," which shows a decrease of 207. But this, as Arnold Bennett always used to maintain, is a senseless and unilluminating classification. I should hazard the guess that most of the decrease is in volumes of verse, which to-day find publishers shyer than they were ten years ago.

What I should really like to see would be statistics showing how many books published every year have afforded their publishers a reasonable return on the outlay, and their authors a reward comparable with that to be obtained by, say, shovelling snow or selling matches in the street.—Londoner in the Evening Standard.

Proof.

My remarks about London haunted houses the other day have prompted a correspondent to send me what he claims is the shortest ghost story on record. Here it is: Two men in a railway compartment, got into conversation. "Ghosts are all humbug," said one. "Oh, you think so, do you?" replied the other, and promptly vanished.—Peterborough in the Daily Telegraph.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 60 degrees. The humidity was 75 at 10 a.m. and 77 at 4 p.m.

A cargo coolie, Kwok Kam, (48), who was injured by falling from a crane whilst working cargo on the s.s. "Tianabok," was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to the body.

A Chinese woman named Li Kin (60) was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries caused by falling on a piece of iron at a house under construction in Peak Road.

A Chinese married woman, Ching Tsai, (24), residing at No. 84, Gough Street, is alleged to have attempted to commit suicide this morning by opium poisoning. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The body of an unknown Chinese was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary last night, having been picked up after a man had jumped from the "Yaumatei" ferry s.s. Man Chu. The body was taken on board the "Police" launch by Sergeant Stawards who tried to revive the man by artificial respiration, but without success.

A Chinese blacksmith, Lam Shing (22), residing at 84, Yu Chow Street, was admitted to hospital from Shamakung yesterday in a serious condition, suffering from injuries to the head. He was brought to hospital by a friend, Mr. Lam, who lives at No. 16, Nam Cheung Street, where he fell from the first floor.

A mechanic named Li Ho, residing at No. 5, Tank Lane, was sleeping last night in a cubicle on the first floor of No. 17, Graham Street, when someone stole from his pocket a watch, chain, and appendage valued at \$101.

An interesting talk on "Magazines" was given by Mrs. C. E. L. Grist at the Helena May Institute yesterday to a large gathering of members of the English Association, including H.E. the Governor, who was in the chair.

The Editor of Chop Sticks writes to inform us that by inadvertence two pictures appearing in the January issue, entitled 'A Holy Man of China' and 'Washing Day,' respectively, have been attributed to von Kobza. The correct inscription should be "The Little Shop, by courtesy of Mr. R. Poinset." The Editor wishes to express his regret for the error.

An undoubted treat: "Annabelle's Affairs," showing for the last time to-day in the King's Theatre, Jeanette MacDonald, prettier even than in "The Love Parade," and Roland Young, his dry humour drooling their ever, do splendid team work with a cast that are by no means figure heads. Little wonder the film has been attracting big crowds.

Five Chinese, three of whom are constables, were again brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy, charged with making unlawful exactions from hawkers. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted, while Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the first defendant and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Senr., for the three constables. Evidence was given by hawkers as to the method of the alleged conspiracy system, the case being adjourned later until to-day.

Personal Pars.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, yesterday, the appointment of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin as a member for a further period of three years was confirmed and Mr. Wong was congratulated by his colleagues.

The funeral, with full military honours, of C.Q.M.S. Edward Mullens of the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, whose death from pneumonia occurred at the Military Hospital on Monday, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, the service at the graveside being conducted by the Rev. Fr. J. J. O'Brien, C.F.

WEDDING.

Lee - Tsang.

At the Church of Christ in China, yesterday, Lillian L. Tsang, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Tsang Wai-sun, was married to Kenneth K. Lee, son of Mrs. Lee Lim-shee and younger brother of Mr. Cheung S. Lee.

The bride's sister, Miss Katherine Tsang, was the bridesmaid, while Mr. Lai Chok-tin, Professor at Lingnam University was best man.

The Rev. Chang officiated. Music was supplied by the Lingnam Orchestra. Following a reception held at Tung Yat Restaurant, the happy couple left for Macao, where the honeymoon will be spent.

PACIFIC PROBLEMS.

At the tiffin of the Rotary Club, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton spoke of the Institute of Pacific Relations. He told of the work the Institute was doing and how it was being done, and also made reference to the recent conference in Shanghai, which he attended as one of the British group. He dwelt on the growth of the Institute which, he considered, filled a most useful purpose in studying the problems of the Pacific and making efforts to better racial understanding and co-operation.

"Whatever criticism may be levelled at the Institute of Pacific Relations and its work," he said, "for one, do not regret the two weeks recently spent in Shanghai and the work I put in preparing to go there."

CORRESPONDENCE

HONG KONG LAWYER'S NAME CLEARED.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
Sir,—We are instructed by Mr. Thomas Rowan, to write you with reference to the following matter. In a recent case in Singapore Police Court a statement was made that our client was a solicitor who had been struck off the Rolls in Hong Kong. That statement was repeated in several of the Hong Kong newspapers greatly to the detriment of our client. The statement was totally untrue and we took immediate steps to have it denied. Accordingly a statement was made in Court on January 12 by Counsel apologising for the former statement. We send you a page of the Straits Times published in Singapore on Wednesday, January 13, and we shall be much obliged if you will insert in your paper a statement to clear our client's character. It would probably be best to report Mr. K. K. O'Connor's statement in full if you are able to do so.

Yours etc.,

BRADDELL BROS.

Singapore, January 13, 1932.

Straits Times, Jan. 13.
"At a previous hearing of this case I asked a question in cross-examination suggesting that a Mr. Rowan, a lawyer, had had his name struck off the rolls in Hong Kong. That question was asked by me on instructions and information which appeared authentic and which I fully believed at the time. Later, when the allegation was denied, I stated that, if it was untrue, as I was then informed, I should like to withdraw it at once and I expressed regret for any pain or harm which might have been caused to Mr. Rowan."

"Since that date I have received conclusive evidence emanating from the secretary to the Law Society in Hong Kong that Mr. Rowan was not struck off the rolls in Hong Kong. I think that this fact should be given the widest publicity that I can give it. I am, therefore, making this statement."

"The suggestion that Mr. Rowan was struck off the rolls in Hong Kong is fully and unconditionally withdrawn and I should like to express my sincere regrets that the suggestion was made."

This was a further statement made by Mr. K. K. O'Connor, one of the counsel for the defence in the title deed case, which again came up for hearing before Mr. G. C. Dodd, the Singapore Criminal District Judge, yesterday afternoon when the case for the prosecution was closed.

"On behalf of Mr. Rowan I accepted that apology and thank Mr. O'Connor for having made it," said Mr. Roland BraddeLL who represented Mr. Rowan, the Hong Kong lawyer. Mr. BraddeLL added that he quite recognised that Mr. O'Connor thought "he had correct information." He had personally known Mr. Rowan for eleven years quite intimately. "I am obliged to my learned friend for what he has said. I did not know Mr. Rowan personally, it was only a name to me," Mr. O'Connor said.

The statement, now refuted, was not repeated in the China Mail, and would not have been referred to now but for Messrs. BraddeLL Brothers' letter of January 14.—Ed. China Mail.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 20, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

The strike of Chinese seamen entered upon its second week to-day with both parties standing aloof from negotiations and adhering firmly to the "no surrender" attitude they adopted yesterday. Neither the Union nor the employers had any fresh development to report this morning.

The Union issued a notification to its members last night urging them to combine together and with one mind, and stick to the idea of holding out until the 30-40 per cent increase they asked for originally is granted. The Union has also officially announced that the front delegates who have lately represented it are no longer empowered to act on its behalf and that the counter-strike is being prepared to be carried out by the members of the Union.

HOW FISHES SWIM

NATURE'S SCREW-PROPELLER PRINCIPLE.

Tail-Fins As Rudder.

Everyone assumes that fishes swim by means of their tails. This ancient belief has been exploded by Mr. James Gray, F.R.S., the Reader in Experimental Biology at Cambridge University. In a fascinating paper, with cinematograph demonstrations, read to the conference of the Society for Experimental Biology, Mr. Gray described his investigations, writes a Scientific Correspondent to the Manchester Guardian.

Observers have often tried to follow the movements of swimming fishes by watching them carefully by eye. Under unaided visual observation fishes seem to owe their propulsion to movements of the tail, because the tail is seen to move most violently. Fishes such as the mackerel have noticeable tails and swim swiftly. Mr. Gray found that if the tail-fins of a mackerel were removed the fish could, surprisingly, swim just as quickly. Fish sometimes lose their tail-fins through disease, and it has been noticed that such fish swim much better than would be expected.

How then do fish propel themselves if they do not do it by their tails? By studying their movements with the assistance of a cinema camera the problem has been substantially solved. Fishes swim with their bodies, they receive impetus from the movements of their bodies against the water, and their tail-fins have chiefly a balancing and guiding utility. Mr. Gray believes the tail-fins are important in the prevention of rolling.

In discussing the problem of fish propulsion, Mr. Gray remarked that engineers had invented three types of propellers for driving ships. One crude method consisted of squirting water out at the stern, so that the ship went forward by reaction. There were also paddle-wheels and screw-propellers. The principles by which all these contrivances worked had been employed by nature long ago. The sea-squid moves by squirting water out, some fishes swim by paddling with fins, but the majority swim by the principle on which the screw-propeller operates. The blade of a screw-propeller is essentially a wedge or inclined plane attached to an axle, and is nothing more than a convenient arrangement for applying a wedge. The blade strikes the water sideways, and the ship is pushed forward as if a wedge had been driven between it and the water.

Nature's Mechanism. Nature has not succeeded in evolving a wheel and axle, so she cannot employ the particularly ingenious mechanism of the screw-propeller, but she can use the principle of the inclined plane in another manner. The method is most easily seen in the case of the eel. When it swims its body moves in a wavy way with which everyone is superficially familiar.

Mr. Gray arranged a tank of water about five feet long and two feet broad and a few inches deep. The bottom was white and marked with squares similar to squared paper. Then he took cinema films of various fish as they swam to and fro along the tank. By marking the time the path of any point on the fish's body could be plotted afterwards as a curve on squared paper. The exact movements of the fish in swimming became known. It appears that fish swim in virtue of a wave of contraction of muscles on the sides of the body, starting from the head, and not the tail. The body begins to bend from the head under a nerve-message, which after a short interval of time is followed by another nerve-message, causing a contraction on the other side. The effect is that the fish's body, except at the bends, is always pressing the water sideways, and in virtue of this inclined-plane or wedge effect, the fish moves forward. Thus the tail does not add its quatum to the propulsion until the body has operated.

This mechanism cannot be observed with the eye in most fishes with fairly squat bodies, because the wave of contraction is not always completed in passing the short distance from head to tail, but fishes such as mackerel swim with their bodies just as much as virtually tailless eels, and the motion is observable when shown by a slow-motion camera.

Mr. Gray had established this theory from his experimental study of many different kinds of fishes. Then he was disturbed to learn that there are certain sea-worms which swim by contractions starting in the tail. This was a shock, for his theory requires the swimming movement to run from head to tail. Careful examination of the worms showed, however, that the bends in their bodies as they swam had little flaps sticking out at right angles to the bend. As soon as the bend moved on, the flaps lay down again. Was it possible that these little flaps could reverse the motion and enable the fish to go forward even if the contractions started in the tail?

The mechanical problem seemed too complicated for mathematical solution, so one of the advanced students in the engineering department made a mechanical model which imitated the movements of this worm with flaps at the bends as it wriggled. By immersing the model in water it was possible to show that the flaps did make all the difference. Thus the motion of fishes propelling themselves by wriggling from the head downwards can be explained, and also of worms wriggling from the tail headwards. This is a really triumphant conclusion.

Mr. Gray and his collaborators are now engaging in a detailed study of the finer motions of swimming and the parts played by the smaller fins.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Quiet Opening This Morning.

LIMITED ENQUIRY.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The was a very quiet opening at the morning session with a limited enquiry generally.

Sales.
Hotels (old), \$15.10/\$15.15.
H.K. Government Loan, \$3 per cent. premium.

Buyers.
Douglasses, \$23½.
Providents (old), \$5.30.
Providents (new), \$2.45.
Ewos, \$15.16.30.
Star Ferries, \$96½.
Cements (comb.), \$19¼.
Cements (new), \$5.60.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.
Benquets, \$11¼.
Realities, \$11.60.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$22.
Singapore Tractions, 3/4.
H.K. Ropes, \$17¼.
Sinceres, \$16.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2¼ per cent. premium.

Sellers.
Banks, \$1.460.
Hotels (old), \$15¼.
Lands, \$82¼.
Electric, \$78½.
Dairy Farms, \$30.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$45.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$32.
Realities, \$12.
Telephones (part paid), \$28.
Entertainments (old), \$16½.

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Confiscated Drugs Destroyed.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.
A large consignment of narcotics was publicly burned at Pootung yesterday. The drugs had been confiscated by the Maritime Customs during the last three months, and were estimated to be worth \$190,730.

The consignment consisted of 35 piculs and 88.50 catties of opium; 674.50 ounces of morphine pills and heroin; various narcotic drugs; a quantity of opium-smoking paraphernalia; and 11 piculs and 50 catties of poppy husk. Representatives from the local Party, civil and military organs and various people's societies witnessed the huge bonfire.—Kuo Min.

RETRENCHMENT PROGRAMME.

Yuan Issues An Order.

Nanking, Jan. 14.
A drastic retrenchment programme should be adopted by all Ministries and Committees under the Executive Yuan in view of the present financial stringency of the Government, states an order of the Yuan yesterday. In view of the varied conditions obtaining in the different organs, however, the order instructs that each should submit its respective plans for curtailment of expenses for the approval of the Executive Yuan before enforcement.—Kuo Min.

\$200 A MINUTE ON ARMS

WHAT BRITAIN IS SPENDING.

Primate's Plea for Peace.

"The world is spending on armaments no less than £2,000,000 a day; we in this country £200 a minute."

These impressive facts were quoted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching at the National Service of Prayer held at St. Paul's Cathedral in preparation for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

The vast congregation embraced Cabinet Ministers and the Diplomatic Body, the Lord Mayor and a brilliant civic group, every grade of the Church, and nearly every denomination, every section of the laity, and envoys from a great number of peace and philanthropic service societies.

The lesson of the Great War had shown, said Dr. Lang, how great armaments could only lead to war, and who could doubt that in another war civilisation itself might perish? Ten years had passed, and the level of armaments remained as high as ever. It remained for the fateful Conference next February to effect a progressive reduction by general agreement.

Britain's Example.

"Our own country, we may honestly say," said the Archbishop, "will enter the Conference in a position of some moral authority. She has already made more substantial reductions than any other country. Indeed, there are many who think that she has already reached the lowest point consistent with her safety and obligations."

"This very fact creates a difficulty which her representatives at Geneva will have to face. It may not, for example, be possible for them to accept some general reduction by a fixed common percentage. But within classes of armaments there are possibilities of reduction which she must be willing to offer."

"What we ask of our representatives — and this great assembly asks it most earnestly — is that they will strain every nerve to bring about at least a true and honest beginning of general disarmament."

Assuredly the consequences of failure cannot be contemplated without dismay. It might mean the withdrawal of Germany from the League; even, possibly, her determination to begin the increase of her own armaments. It would certainly mean a serious blow to the authority of the League and to all its efforts to hold the world together by a rule of reason and justice.

"It would be a setback to all the hopes of a period of settled confidence essential to the recovery of the world from its present confusion and distress. God grant in His mercy that a calamity so grievous may be averted!"

The Disease of Fear.

"Armaments, as the Secretary for Foreign Affairs has said, are but the symptom of a disease. And that disease is Fear," said the Archbishop. "The spirit of fear is still haunting the nations. It is this which makes them cling nervously to their armaments; and yet since the war a great structure of arbitration treaties, some 800 in number, has been built up."

"Nay, sixty-one nations, and among them all the most powerful, have bound themselves by the Pact of Paris to renounce war as an instrument of national policy, and have agreed that the settlement of all disputes, of whatever nature or origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means."

"Are not such solemn pledges enough to banish fear? If they are not, the question arises whether these States are to be trusted to mean what they have said and to stand by their pledged word."

"Has civilisation itself the strength of will, of conviction, of courage, to maintain the ideals on which its very existence depends; or must it still, and always, give way to the old untamed competitive instincts of primitive mankind? These are questions which only the public opinion of the peoples can answer. Is there among them not a wish only, but a settled and resolute will for peace?"

Selfishness of Nationalism.

"Further," the Archbishop went on, "there is another and a kindred disease of which armaments are a symptom — the disease of a selfish nationalism, which serves one nation to press its own advantage without regard to the needs of others."

"All the perplexities, apprehensions, confusions, which surround the words Reparations, War Debts, Tariff Walls, Armaments, are growths which spring from this self-seeking root of a self-seeking nationalism. Yet the very distress which binds the whole world in bondage is a proof that the world is now one community of nations in which the welfare of one member means the welfare of all, and the calamity of one member brings calamity to all."

"It may, indeed, be asked whether the time has not come when the state of the world demands an international conference to be assembled which, accepting this fundamental truth, might endeavour, by international co-operation, to stay the distress and hasten the recovery of the world's economic life."

"Assuredly the only hope of rescuing civilisation from its present plight is to make the fact which that plight proclaims — namely, the oneness of the whole body of nations — the ruling principle of international life. Then, so far as this problem of Disarmament is concerned, the question of each nation would be — not what armaments does it need to maintain its own position, but what contribution can it make to the armaments needed to defend the unity of nations against any aggressor who would try to break it."

CHEUNG-CHAU NOTES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Cheung Chau, To-day.
A large party of students from Ling Nam University arrived here to spend most of the week at No. 19. The weather has been kind to them and to other visitors. Several house owners from up-country and Canton expect to be coming at the end of the month to spend Chinese New Year holidays on the island.

After months of expectant waiting, the new concrete pier was made available for the Cheung Chau and other ferries — a vast improvement on the old one. Intending visitors should note this and stop at the first concrete and iron pier west of the Macao Wharf, and taking the tram car, get off at the first stop after Wing Lok Street (not the second as formerly).

FALL INTO NULLAH.

While walking round the ledge that runs round the east side of the Police Recreation Club verandah, a Chinaman, Chan Yuen, (15) of 488, Lockhart Road, fell into the nullah.

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PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL INSURANCE

[By Henry Royce.]

The International Labour Office of the League of Nations has issued its so-called "Grey Report" on the question of invalidity, old age, and widows' and orphans' insurance. The question is to come up for first discussion at the sixteenth International Labour Conference in June. The present report, according to the Office custom, gives a general survey of the law and practice of the different nations in this question.

"Social insurance" is a thing of comparatively recent growth. A certain number of schemes of compulsory insurance for miners and the staffs of important transport undertakings have been in force for a considerable time, but it was not until 1889 that Germany first issued compulsory old-age insurance scheme of general scope. For

a long time this remained the only scheme of the kind, until in 1906 the former Austrian Empire set up a pensions insurance scheme for non-manual workers. The French Act of 1910 on workers' and peasants' pensions was never completely applied. In 1911 Germany added to her earlier system survivors' insurance and salaries for employers' pensions. The same year saw the introduction of the British sickness and invalidity scheme, the old age and invalidity schemes in Luxembourg and Denmark, and the Swedish international insurance scheme.

After the war progress became much more rapid. The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain and other countries adopted the existing schemes. Hungary, France, the Soviet Union and Poland in recent times nearly all

the existing schemes are based on the compulsory principle, which has now become the keystone of social legislation in this respect.

It is the hope of the International Labour Organisation that it will prove possible to introduce universal principles for invalidity, old age, and widows' and orphans' insurance, covering all wage-earners, with the possible exception of persons whose remuneration exceeds a prescribed limit, seasonal workers, members of the employer's family, and perhaps one or two other categories.

The comments made by Governments on the present report, and the discussion next June, will enable the Labour Office to draw up a preliminary draft convention, and if a sufficient number of Governments agree, the I.L.O. will attempt to achieve a final convention.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Eight Diphtheria Cases Notified.

FOUR DEATHS.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended January 16 is as follows:—

Cases Deaths
Diphtheria 8 4
Smallpox 1 1
Cerebro-spinal fever 1 1
Tuberculosis 67

Summary to January 16.
The approximate returns from January 1 to 16 give the following figures:—

Cases Deaths
Smallpox 2 1
Diphtheria 21 12
Cerebro-spinal fever 1 1
Tuberculosis 121

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Certificate).

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for January, 1932. Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich, are as follows:—

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
20	7.05	6.08
21	7.05	6.04
22	7.05	6.04
23	7.05	6.05
24	7.05	6.06
25	7.05	6.06
26	7.04	6.07
27	7.04	6.08
28	7.04	6.09
29	7.04	6.10
30	7.04	6.10
31	7.03	6.11

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 16th February, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 28th January, to TUESDAY, 16th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th January, 1932.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

THURSDAY, January 21, 1932, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Room, 4, Duddell Street.
A Collection of VALUABLE CURIOS.

Comprising:—
Amber and Agate Ornaments, Ivory Ware, Porcelain Vases, Jade Vases, Bronze Ware, Bowls, Plates, Embroideries, Screens, Cloisonne Ware, Buddhas, Blackwood Ware, Pictures, etc.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
On View from Wednesday, January 20, 1932.

Catalogues will be issued.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, January 18, 1932.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

FRIDAY, January 22, 1932, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at No. 60A, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

On View from Thursday, January 21, 1932.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, January 16, 1932.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

FRIDAY, January 22, 1932, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, 4, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of POSTAGE STAMPS.

Comprising:—
British Colonies, Hong Kong, China, etc., etc.

On View from Wednesday, January 20, 1932.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, January 18, 1932.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co.'s office.

Brandon, from Sydney.
Dye, from Bangkok Sub.
Steljevsky, Peninsular Hotel, from London Po.

Trott, 262, Wanchai Road, from Sydney Po.

C. C. CLARKE,
Manager.
Hong Kong, January 14, 1932.

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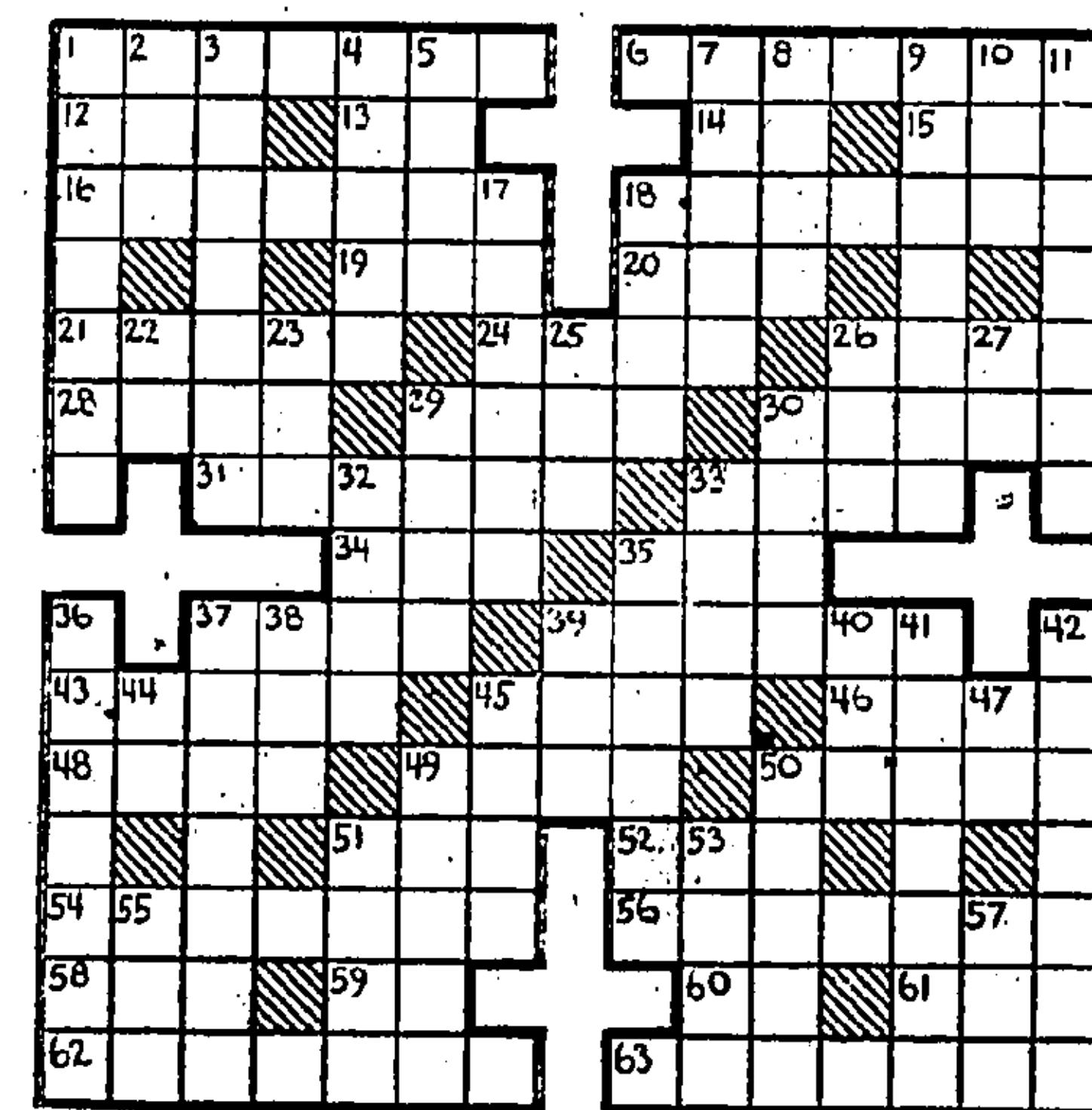
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|---|--|---|
| HORIZONTAL
1—Garments
6—Bearing with light
12—Highest note in Guitto's scale
13—One of the continents (abbr.)
14—Musical note
15—Not
16—Like silver
17—To appease
18—A Brazilian coin
20—Over (Contr.)
21—An American admiral
24—Condition of unclear confusion
26—A tramp
28—Narrow path between fences or hedges
29—To liberate
30—To bet
31—Extreme fear
33—Entire physical part of a man
34—Help
35—A play on words
37—To set slantingly
39—A New England city
43—Took out the care of
45—A violent wind
46—To cripple
48—To search the surface of
49—Kitchen utensil (pl.)
50—Secretion from pine trees | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
51—A feline
52—A time-period
54—One skilled in feats of strength
56—Walks feebly
58—Wrath
59—Prefix—from
60—In
61—Combining form—new
62—An inexplicable phenomenon
VERTICAL
1—Ships
2—A Hebrew high priest
3—Leaping or jumping
4—Employers
41—Beginning to exist
42—A blessing
44—Interjection
45—A portal
47—Musical note
49—Latin for father
50—Noted Italian cardinal
51—To yield or give up
52—To wander
55—To attempt
57—Large lake in central Ireland
58—U. S. (abbr.) | VERTICAL (Cont.)
23—Born
25—Ever (Contr.)
26—Possessed
27—To exist
29—To decompose and partly melt
30—Accustomed
32—A ready river-border (Scott.)
33—Human chest or breast
35—A drink of sweetened milk and liquor
36—To shout applause
37—Dashes in pieces
38—Combining form—ail
39—A sweet roll
40—A diminutive suffix
41—Beginning to exist
42—A blessing
44—Interjection
45—A portal
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Both Local and Coastal

GENERAL NOTICES.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE BURNS DINNER of the Society will be held in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on SATURDAY, January 23, 1932, at 8.30 p.m., when the toast of "The Immortal Memory" will be proposed by Mr. W. L. Handyside. Subscription (exclusive of wines) \$4.00 each.

All Members wishing to become subscribers are requested to forward their names at their early convenience to:—

DAVID S. ROBB,
Joint Hon. Secretary,
Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
Hong Kong, January 18, 1932.

NOTICE.

All Firms, Associations, Clubs, etc., who have not yet sent in the particulars of their concerns for the 1932 issue of the Hong Kong Dollar Directory are requested to forward the necessary information to the publishers without delay.

The HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.,
China Mail Building,
3A, Wyndham Street.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

Bank, wire 1/4 %
Bank, on demand 1/4 11/16
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/4 18/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/5 %
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/6
On Paris—
On demand 610
Credits, 4 months' sight 665
On Berlin—
On demand Nom.
On New York—
On demand 24
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 91 1/4
On demand 91 1/4
On Calcutta—
Wire 91 1/4
On demand 91 1/4
On Singapore—
On demand 59 1/4
On Manila—
On demand 48
On Shanghai—
On demand 77 1/4
Dollar 23 1/2 % dis.
On Yokohama—
On demand 64
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/5 1/4
Silver (per oz.) 19 1/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.
Copper Cash Nom.
Copper Cents 1 % prem.
Rate of Native Interest 8 1/2 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 27 1/2 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 87 1/2
New York 3.45 1/4
Montreal 4
Brussels 24 13/16
Geneva 17.70
Amsterdam 8.58 1/2
Milan 68 15/16
Berlin 14 11/16
Stockholm 17 15/16
Copenhagen 18 1/2
Oslo 18 1/2
Vienna 30
Bucharest 577 1/2
Prague 117 1/4
Helsingfors 232 1/4
Madrid 41 1/16
Lisbon 109 1/4
Athens 265
Rio 4 1/4
Buenos Aires 29 1/2
Montevideo 31
Shanghai 1/10 9/16
Bombay 1/6 1/4
Hong Kong 1/5
Yokohama 2 1/4
Silver Spot 19 1/16
Silver Forward 19 5/16
—British Wireless Service.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, Jan. 20, 1932.

Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, January 26, 1932.

STOCK Banks.	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Mon.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Hong Kong Bank	1600	1600	...	Dec.	{Final (24 at 1%) = \$11.74 } making 2 1/2 for 1931 } Pending
" (Lon. Reg.)	100 1/2	Dec.	
Chartered Bank	12 1/2	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% to 1/10/1931
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C.	19	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% to 1/10/1931 less 1/1000
Bank of Asia	135	Dec.	...
Insurances.						
Canton Ins.	1350	Dec.	{Fin. \$23.00 on \$10 for 1929 } Interim \$14.00 for 1930 } = \$37 Interim \$14.00 for 1931 } = 2
China Underwriters	4.63 1/2	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	350	Dec.	{Final \$20 bonus \$0 } Interim \$14.00 for 1930 } = \$32 Interim \$14.00 for 1931 } \$20 and bonus \$10 } making \$30 for 1929 }
H. K. Fire Ins.	1250	Dec.	...
Shipping.						
Douglases	23 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboat	24	Dec.	Int. 6% for 1929 Nov. for 1930
Indo-China (Pref.)	15	Dec.	{Int. 5% for 1929 on preferred } for 1930 and 1931 }
" (Def.)	32	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931
Shells Bearer	38 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final 1/100 Coupon No. 58 } for 1/10/1931 } Int. 6% for 1930 }
Union Waterboats	35	...	Dec.	Int. 6% for 1930
Mining.						
Benguet	11 1/2	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 cents a/c for 1931
Kailan Mining Ad. s/	30 1/2	June	...	{2 1/2 % free 1/10/1931 } for year 20-31 }
Langkato (Single)	4	Oct.	T. 0.50 for 21-31-32
S'hai Exploration	21.0	...	Dec.	None
" Loans	2 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final T. 0.50 } making T. 6.00 for 1930 }
Raubs	59	Mar.	Neck. Int. 2 1/2% a/c year 21-31-32
Venezuela Gold Fields	1
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	159	...	Dec.	\$9 for 1930
H. K. & W. Docks	20	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
South Ch. Motors (A) s/	10
" (B)	12
China Providents (old) s/	5.80	Dec.	{10 cents on old } {10 cents on new } for 1930 }
" (new) s/	2.45	Dec.	Interim T. 3.00 for 1931
Hongkows	320	...	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1930
N. Engineering	6 1/2	...	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1930
Shanghai Docks	51	Apr.	...	T. 6 for year 22-31
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hs. (old) s/	16 1/2	15 1/2	15.15	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930
" (new) s/	14.50	...	Dec.	Interim 12 1/2 a/c 1931
H. K. Lands	89 1/2	Dec.	Interim T. 0.50 a/c 1931
Shanghai Lands	30	...	Dec.	Int. 6% for 1930
Humphreys	19	...	Dec.	Int. 6% for 1930
" (new) s/	17 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 6% for 1930
H. K. Realty	11.40	12	Dec.	Int. 6% for 1930
Chinese Estates	95	Feb.	T. 0.25 for year 22-31
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	16.30	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930
Shanghai Cotton	83	Apr. (and Oct.)	...	T. 2.50 for half year 21-10-31
Zoong Sings	11 1/2	June	...	T. 0.50 for year 20-31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	22	Dec.	Interim 40 cents a/c 1931
Peak Tram (old)	15.50	Apr.	{80 cts. on old } {40 cts. on new } 20-31
" (new) s/	9	Dec.	\$4 for 1930
Star Ferries	90 1/2	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1930
Yaumati Ferries	28	Sept.	Int. 6% for year 20-31
China Light	23.40	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1930
H. K. Electric	78 1/2	Dec.	Int. 6% for 1930
Macao	33	June	None
Sandakan Lights	12	Dec.	Int. 6% a/c 1931
H. K. Tels. fully paid s/	43	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929
China Buses	28	Sept.	{1/4% on preference shares } { Subject to income tax }
S'hai Traction (Ord. s/)	8 1/2
" (Pref. s/)	17 1/2
Industrials.						
Malabon Sugars	39	Dec.	P. 4.50 for 1929
Cald. Magd. Ord.	14	Dec.	{T. 1 } {T. 0.50 } for 1930
" Pref.	10 1/2	July	20 cents for year 21-31
Canton Ice	54	Dec.	{20 cents on old } {40 cents on new } for 1930
Cements (com.)	19 1/2	Dec.	...
" (old)	5.00	Dec.	...
" (new)	17 1/2	Dec.	75 cents for 1930
H. K. Ropes	10 1/2
China Agriculture
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm	30	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1930
Watsons	16.90	Oct.	75 cents for year 21-10-30
Der A Wings	1
and Crawfords (old)	5 1/2	Feb.	Last dividend for year 22-2-23
" (new) s/	5.10	Feb.	\$2 for year 24-2-21
Blacksmiths	16	Feb.	20 cents for year 22-3-31
Vincom	3.60	Feb.	...
Wm. Poyells	10
M. Greyhounds
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement	19.90	...	Mar.	...	\$2.50 for year 21-3-31
" Entertainment (old)	10 1/2
" (new)	16
" Entertainment	10
H. K. C						



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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.	
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TAIYO MARU	Tuesday, 9th February.
SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	
HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 16th February.
HUKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 1st March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 23rd January.
TERUKUNI MARU	Saturday, 6th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 23rd January.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 27th February.
MANILA.	
TAIYO MARU	Monday, 1st February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
GENOA MARU	Friday, 29th January.
YAMAGATA MARU	Saturday, 30th January.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Sunday, 14th February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.	
DELAGOA MARU	Wednesday, 17th February.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MURORAN MARU	Friday, 29th January.
MALACCA MARU	Monday, 8th February.
HANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
HARUNA MARU	Friday, 22nd January.
NAGATO MARU	Wednesday, 27th January.
BENGAL MARU (Mojl direct)	Thursday, 28th January.
† Cargo only.	

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Salgo, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Buenos Aires Maru	Thurs., 11th Feb.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.	Hawaii Maru	Mon., 1st Feb.
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.		
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Melbourne Maru	Thurs., 4th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Amazon Maru	Thurs., 21st Jan.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Sumatra Maru	Sun., 24th Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama.	Atlas Maru	Wed., 10th Feb.
Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.		
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Borneo Maru (not calling Belawan Deli)	Wed., 20th Jan.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Celebes Maru	Wed., 3rd Feb.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi.	Himalaya Maru	Mon., 1st Feb.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 21st Jan.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Hosan Maru	Sun., 24th Jan.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun., 31st Jan.
	Panama Maru	Sat., 6th Feb.
	Deli Maru	Thurs., 28th Jan.

For further particulars please apply to:—

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BRITISH WUCHOW LINE

SAILING DATES FOR JAN. 1932 (Subject to Change).

DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI MING	THURS. 21st	SAT. 23rd	SUN. 24th	MON. 25th
TAI HING	MON. 25th	WED. 27th	THURS. 28th	FRI. 29th
TAI MING	WED. 27th	FRI. 29th	SAT. 30th	SUN. 31st
TAI HING	SAT. 30th	MON. 1st	TUES. 2nd	WED. 3rd

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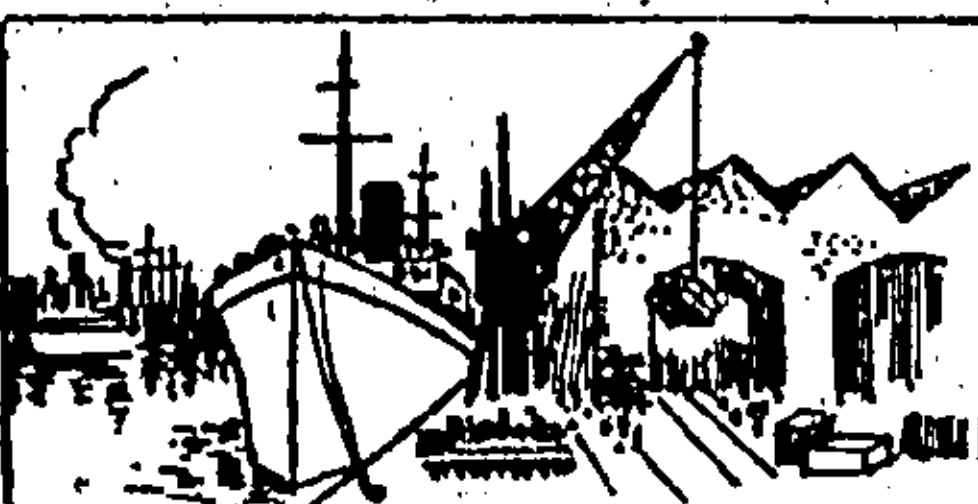
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NEW BRITISH SUBMARINE.

Definite Departure From Pre-War Type.

Amid blowing syrens and the strains of "Heart of Oak" played by the Marine Band, the new British submarine, "Swordfish" was launched at Chatham. Its birth marks a definite departure from the policy of building bigger and bigger

under-sea craft and with her sister ships "Sturgeon", "Sashmere" and "Starfish", now under construction, will be lighter than the pre-war type. Smaller submarines are easier to handle than the more cumbersome type, which has been constructed of recent years and can dive more quickly, navigate shallow waters which larger vessels could not dare enter, and can fire torpedoes of equally deadly effect.



WHY WORK ON NEW LINER WAS STOPPED

CUNARD DIRECTORS' STATEMENT: EFFECT OF WORLD CONDITIONS.

The statement issued to shareholders of the Cunard Steamship Company Ltd. by the directors, concerning the reasons why work on the building of their new liner was stopped, is in the following terms:

"The impact of the national crisis on the Cunard Company renders it advisable, in the view of your directors, to anticipate the next annual meeting, which, in the ordinary course of events, cannot take place till April, by issuing to the shareholders the following resume of current matters of special importance to the company's future:

"The current estimate for this year's result in the profit and loss account is a comparatively small cash surplus after providing for full Debenture interest and the half-year's Preference dividend paid in July last, but before providing for depreciation. The depreciation on ships chargeable for this year under customary Cunard practice is \$675,000.

"It is now clear that when depreciation is brought in there will be an adverse balance on the profit and loss account for the year, consequently there will not be a net profit out of which to pay the second half-year's dividend on the Preference shares, or a dividend on the Ordinary shares.

"The gross revenue for the year 1931 is expected to be about £2,420,000 less than in 1930. In partial compensation for this very large reduction in revenue, the economies and retrenchments effected are expected to amount to no less than £1,780,000. It must be understood that these figures can only be estimated at this early date.

"The cash balance in the banks at the end of this year is expected to be about £1,100,000. The company's endeavours to provide service for the public with the greatest possible economy and efficiency are untiring and continuous.

Ship No. 534.

"As explained by the chairman in his speech at the last annual meeting, the main business of the company is, and always has been, the transport of passengers, mails, and cargo across the Atlantic. Since the advent of the Mauretania and Lusitania, which ships were constructed under an agreement made with the Government in 1903, the company's express mail service has been maintained with three vessels.

"In building ship No. 534 under the Cunard (Insurance) Agreement Act, 1930, it is the policy of the Cunard Company ultimately to replace the three large ships at present carrying on this weekly express service with two ships of just sufficient size and power, and no more, to permit the weekly service

to be carried out with two such ships instead of three, the replacements taking effect at the appropriate times from 1934 onwards. In preparation for fulfilment of this plan the book values of the large ships at present in the service have been written down to very low figures.

"World conditions, which of course govern the traffic in the Atlantic as elsewhere, have now arisen of an unprecedented character which, in the opinion of the directors, render some postponement of this plan advisable as a proper precaution.

Glut of Tonnage.

"To enable a company with financial responsibility to build ships, it must at least earn depreciation on the old ships. This, as explained above, the company has not been able to do in this year for the first time for very many years.

"The decline in passenger and freight traffic seems to have no limit, and the North Atlantic trade outlook for 1932 is grave. There is, in fact, a glut of tonnage in this trade, and the company finds itself in competition with other fleets in the building and running of which, with Government assistance, the earning of sufficient profit to meet their annual depreciation charge may no longer remain a matter of primary importance.

"It is the practice to finance the construction of a ship such as No. 534 by making use of bill market finance and repaying these liabilities out of the earnings set aside annually to cover the normal depreciation of the fleet, and partly out of the earnings of the ship herself during the first few years of her operation.

(Continued on Page 10.)

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12h. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

January 20 to 26, 1932.

Date	High Water	Standard Ht.	Low Water	Standard Ht.
Wed. 20	09 32 3.5	01 46 1.8	19 00 6.8	11 30 3.4
Thurs. 21	09 54 3.9	02 30 1.2	19 40 7.4	12 35 3.6
Fri. 22	10 20 4.1	03 09 0.6	20 20 7.9	13 28 3.6
Sat. 23	10 50 4.4	03 48 0.3	21 05 8.3	14 15 3.6
Sun. 24	11 20 4.6	04 25 0.1	21 46 8.4	14 59 3.5
Mon. 25	11 50 4.8	05 04 0.2	22 30 8.3	15 42 3.4
Tues. 26	12 20 4.8	05 41 0.4	23 15 7.8	16 30 3.2

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per President Jackson, for New York and San Francisco via ports, January 19:—

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lerner, Mr. Quah Chew, Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Wong and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Yuen-fung, Mr. Tuh-suen Lee, Mr. K. K. Wong, Mr. W. T. Alexander, Miss B. M. Rife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Bishop, Mr. W. L. Shey, Mr. Ma, Mr. H. J. Cheng, Mr. N. M. Li, Mr. Yip-bing Dai, Mrs. Chan, Mr. Alfred Lee, Mrs. Li, Mr. A. Sahubert, Mr. Wong Lup-fu, Mr. H. T. Kwik, Mrs. C. Y. Li, Mr. and Mrs. Chang Shen-san, Mr. H. L. Yung, Mrs. Sem Shee, Major and Mrs. Geo. F. Lull, Major and Mrs. G. J. Rife and son, Mr. Yang Yick-chor, Mr. Q. L. Dao, Mr. Gun Yat-hong, Mr. L. Y. Wong, Mrs. Ma Chiu-chuen and infant, Mr. V. Cossin, Master Chan, Mr. C. H. Wong, Mr. D. Goodman, Mrs. C. W. Leung, Mr. Wu Chul-tseng, Dr. (Miss) M. Phillips, Mrs. Ho, Mr. T. S. Khoo.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—South wall.
Berwick—North arm.
Cornflower—In docks.
Cumberland—West wall.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Keppel—North arm.
Marazion—No. 10 buoy.
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
Moth—South wall.
Pandora—In dock.
Proteus—In dock.
Seraph—North wall.
Serapis—North wall.
Sirdar—North wall.
Sterling—North wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Verity—No. 11 buoy.
Whitehall—East wall.
Wild Swan—No. 11 buoy.
Wishart—No. 12 buoy.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French river gunboat.
Helena—American river gunboat.
Waldeck Rousseau—French cruiser.
Saga—Japanese gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on January 16, and is due here on February 8. She will sail for Manila on the same day (evening).

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 8 p.m. on February 4 (Thursday) instead of February 5 (Friday) as scheduled.

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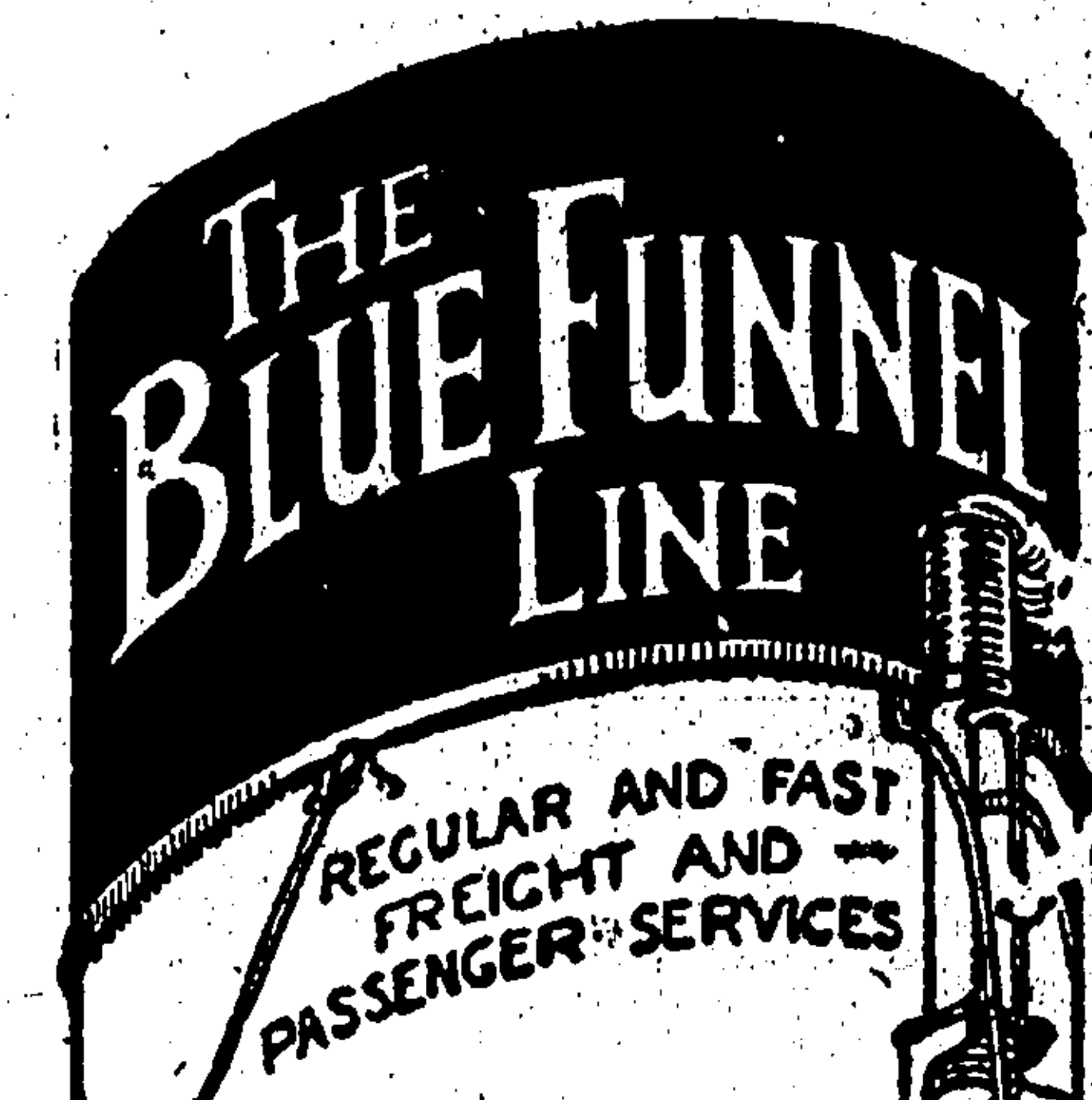
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NEW YORK SERVICE.

"PHEMUS" 6th Feb. For Boston, New York, & Baltimore via Philadelphia, Port of Spain and Singapore

PACIFIC SERVICE.

(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA.)
"FYNDAREUS" 20th Jan. For Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle
"PROTEUS" 18th Feb. For Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle

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NALDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	8,500	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	14th May	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RANCHI	17,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,500	4th June	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	17,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	8,500	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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*KALYAN	9,000	22nd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SUDAN	8,500	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	29th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	5th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KIDDERPORE	5,300	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	6,500	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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RANPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	28th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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WHY WORK ON NEW LINER WAS STOPPED

(Continued from Page 9.)

"The international crisis has changed the whole financial background and made continued use of this type of finance less easy than formerly.

"Having regard to all the considerations briefly indicated above, your directors have reluctantly decided that it is necessary to suspend the construction of No. 534 pending some change in prospects. The necessary steps are being taken to this effect, and all bills of exchange current on the ship will be paid off as they mature out of the company's liquid cash resources, which are ample for the purpose.

"A short time ago there was a reference in the Press to certain negotiations which had been taking place under this head. Your directors, therefore, feel that it is right that the shareholders should be acquainted with a brief history of the negotiations in so far as the Cunard Company is concerned, even though the negotiations have broken down. All negotiations were, of course, subject to the consent of the shareholders in general meeting.

"In October, 1930, at the request of the voting trustees of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., your directors made a substantial cash offer for certain ships of the White Star Atlantic Fleet, subject as above and also subject to an arrangement through his Majesty's Treasury of a repurchase of the financial terms under which Mauretania and Lusitania were built, in favour of No. 534 and her projected sister.

"This offer was refused by the voting trustees.

"In June, 1931, the Cunard Company was again asked to take an interest in the matter. Accordingly, your directors suggested purchase of certain ships of the White Star fleet with Cunard Ordinary shares at a share valuation to be fixed by an accountant's agreement based on an amalgamated balance-sheet of the Cunard Company and its subsidiary companies, in which the Cunard Atlantic ships were to be valued on a basis comparative to the values placed on those of the White Star Line.

"This basis was designed to enable the Cunard Company to take over the White Star fleet on terms on fair to the Cunard share and Debenture stock holders, while at the same time give the White Star interests their fair share of any earnings the future might have in store for their ships, under Cunard rationalisation.

"The Georgic was not included in this offer, as at that time only some £300,000 had been expended on her; and it was represented by your directors that if Cunard took over the fleet it was advisable to suspend her construction, in view of the fact that tonnage already existing on her berth was considerably in excess of traffic requirements.

"The basis of this suggestion was refused.

In National Interest.

"In October, 1931, your directors were again pressed to make an offer on the basis of Income Debenture stock, which it had been ascertained would be a form of security satisfactory to certain of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company's creditors. In the meantime, the trading position had become worse, both in traffic and in prospects, and the financial position more difficult for a buyer by reason of the continued expenditure on the Georgic.

"It was represented to your directors that rationalisation of the Cunard and White Star passenger tonnage under the Cunard Line aegis was in the national interest. Fully sharing this view, your directors made another offer for the fleet, including the Georgic when completed, on the basis of £500,000 in cash and the balance in Income Debenture stock, with an overriding guarantee of not less interest on such stock up to 4½ per cent. than any dividend paid on Cunard Ordinary shares.

"In making this offer, your directors had to assess what was likely to be the earning capacity of the White Star fleet as a going concern. Very careful consideration was given to the tonnage, to the prospective revenue, and to trading prospects.

"The Oceanic Steam Navigation Company Limited's published account for the year 1930 showed a loss of £379,069 before charging any depreciation. It was clear to your directors that some considerable time would be necessary to stop this drain, and they had to remember that while the form of the offer relieved the White Star interests of the risk of the losses continuing, it placed that risk squarely upon the shoulders of the Cunard Company, at the same time securing to the vendors repayment of the Income Debenture stock in whatever measure Cunard rationalisation of the fleets was successful.

"This offer was refused.

Position of Jeopardy.

"The alternative placed before the Cunard Company was that they should take over the ships on a higher valuation than your directors considered reasonable, on terms of payment detrimental to Cunard shareholders, and with special terms for purchase of the Georgic which involved assuming liability for a bank loan of £870,000 and accepting £468,000 of bills to be drawn by the builders on Cunard at a time when these bills could not be discounted.

"Your directors felt that to modify their proposals on these lines would be to lead the Cunard Company into a position of jeopardy, and therefore, though realising the grave danger of Government assisted tonnage being placed on the Atlantic in competition with your ships, they decided that no other course was possible than to allow the negotiations to fall through.

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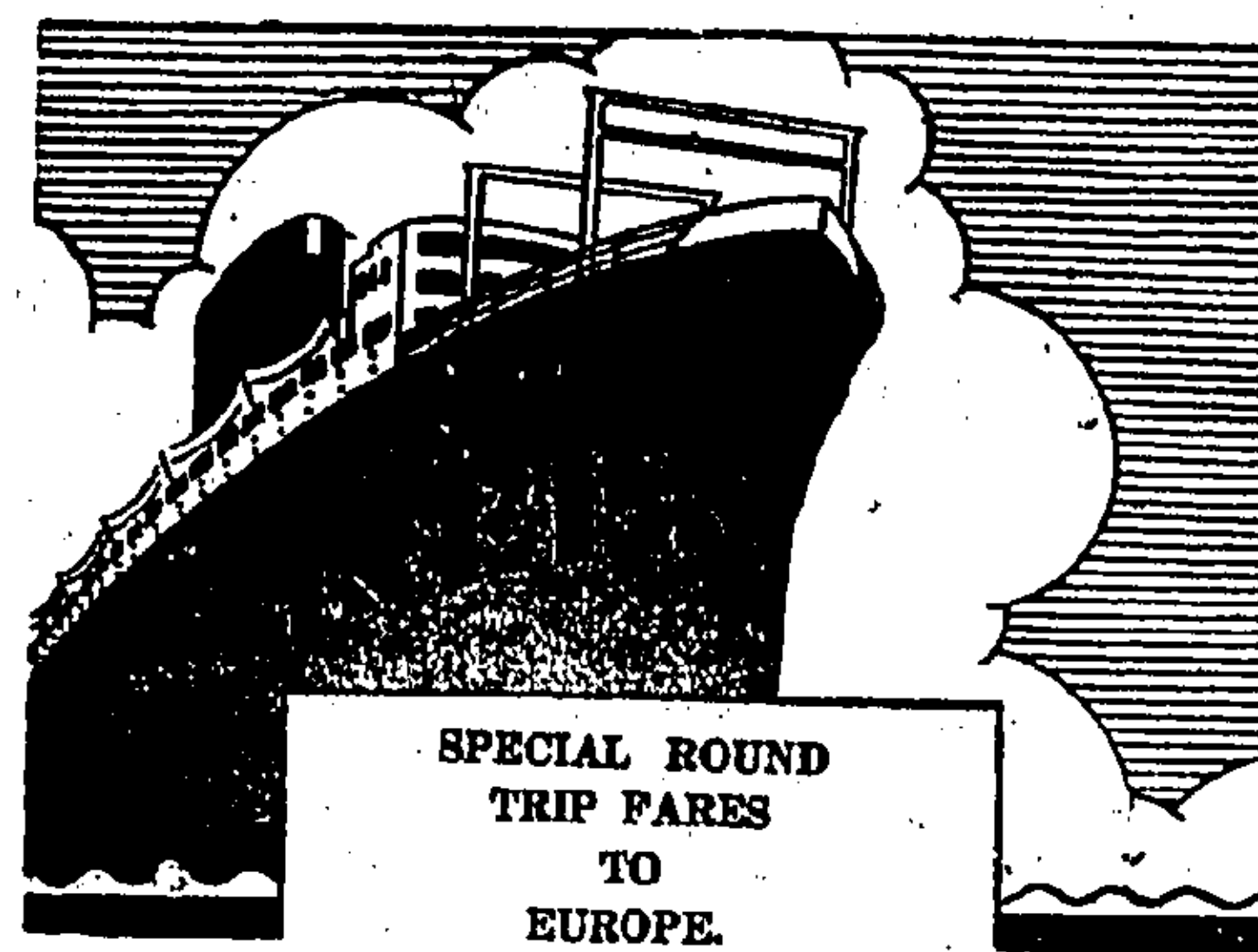
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"What an Actress!"

Mr. Menjou was entranced with the acting of his British colleagues, of whom were at work except as Jeffreys. "What an actress!" said of Miss Jeffreys. "This is going to be one film which will show America that films can be made in this country."

the matter of a part. Mr. Hicks, has not been seen often enough late, appears as a mild-mannered gentleman who suddenly learns that he is a descendant of the dashing Artagnan. The film even has a flash-back into the days of the Three Musketeers (in

London, Dec. 1.

Whatever incidental weakness sometimes be discoverable, an always depend on tracing Shakespeare production at Old Vic those qualities of fullness and endeavour" the producer, Harcourt Williams in a post-curtain last night as qualities to be desired.

It may be sure, too of find now that Mr. Williams has suffered from his brief lapse of energy exceeding the glacial speed-limit a worthy and careful treatment of noble

Last night's "Henry V." finely and picturesquely done, could not call Ralph Richardson admirable actor as he can be, a Harry of England. A too much of modernism in him, perhaps, even when he does the part of Mars; there

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Crabs	魚魚	"	56	16	17
Cuttle Fish	魚魚	"	28	28	26
Dab	魚魚	"	26	18	27
Dace	魚魚	"	46	28	16
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" Fresh Water	魚魚	"	70	16	—
" Yellow	魚魚	"	52	10	8
Frogs	魚魚	"	84	26	30
Garoupa	魚魚	"	1.10	32	25
Gudgeon	魚魚	"	24	40	80
Herrings	魚魚	"	32	22	13
Hallibut	魚魚	"	38	18	23
Labrus	魚魚	"	32	18	15
Loach	魚魚	"	80	22	13
Lobsters	魚魚	"	76	62	24
Macrarel	魚魚	"	46	32	21
Monk Fish	魚魚	"	46	20	20
Mullet	魚魚	"	36	18	2
Oysters	魚魚	"	28	12	2
Parrot Fish	魚魚	"	26	14	9
Perch	魚魚	"	28	30	15
Pike	魚魚	"	44	16	9
Plaice	魚魚	"	54	36	20
Pomfret, White	魚魚	"	56	33	36
Pomfret, Black	魚魚	"	44	36	45
Prawns	魚魚	"	80	10	14
Say	魚魚	"	26	10	14
Sock Fish	魚魚	"	28	13	13
Sole	魚魚	"	40	22	10
Salmon	魚魚	"	58	36	30
Shark	魚魚	"	20	8	10
Shete	魚魚	"	20	10	10
Springs	魚魚	"	62	33	30
Snapper	魚魚	"	42	33	30
Sole	魚魚	"	34	22	23
Squid	魚魚	"	38	36	35
Turtle, small & young	魚魚	"	32	12	12

Artichokes	鴨茅	芝	竹筴	each	12	—	2
Beans, Sprout	芽豆	紅	筴	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	紅	筴	筴	"	—	—	8
Beet Root	紅	筴	筴	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	青	筴	瓜	"	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青	筴	瓜	"	3	5	3
" Red	紅	筴	瓜	"	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	紅	筴	菜	"	10	—	—
" (Shanghai)	紅	筴	菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	藤	筴	筴	"	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大	中	花	each	85	—	—
" (Medium)	中	中	花	"	80	—	—
" (Small)	小	中	花	"	20	6	8
Carrots	金	筴	筴	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	奧	筴	筴	"	16	10	6
Chillies, Dried	紅	筴	筴	"	18	25	6
" Red	紅	筴	筴	"	14	10	10
" Green	青	筴	筴	"	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜	筴	料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青	筴	瓜	"	—	2	—
Garlic	青	筴	瓜	"	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	青	筴	筴	"	10	7	—
" Old	老	筴	筴	"	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	金	筴	筴	"	60	8	4
Indian Corn	粟	筴	筴	each	10	45	—
Lettuce	嫩	筴	筴	lb.	6	1	—
" Mandarin	綠	筴	筴	"	12	—	8
"	綠	筴	筴	"	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮	筴	筴	"	—	—	—
Okros	筴	筴	筴	"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋	筴	筴	"	10	8	8
" Green	綠	筴	筴	"	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上	筴	筴	"	8	6	—
Parley	芹	筴	筴	"	30	60	8
Potato, Sweet	日	筴	筴	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日	筴	筴	"	—	3	—
" American	金	筴	筴	"	3	3	—
Pumpkin	金	筴	筴	"	5	4	4
Radiish	紅	筴	筴	"	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大	筴	筴	"	—	—	10
Salads	大	筴	筴	"	6	—	8
Sprouts	青	筴	筴	"	10	8	—
Squashes	青	筴	筴	"	12	4	—
"	青	筴	筴	"	6	7	—
Sweet Potato	金	筴	筴	"	6	6	—
Turnips, Punt (Long)	金	筴	筴	"	10	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	金	筴	筴	"	15	15	—
Water Cress	金	筴	筴	"	15	15	—

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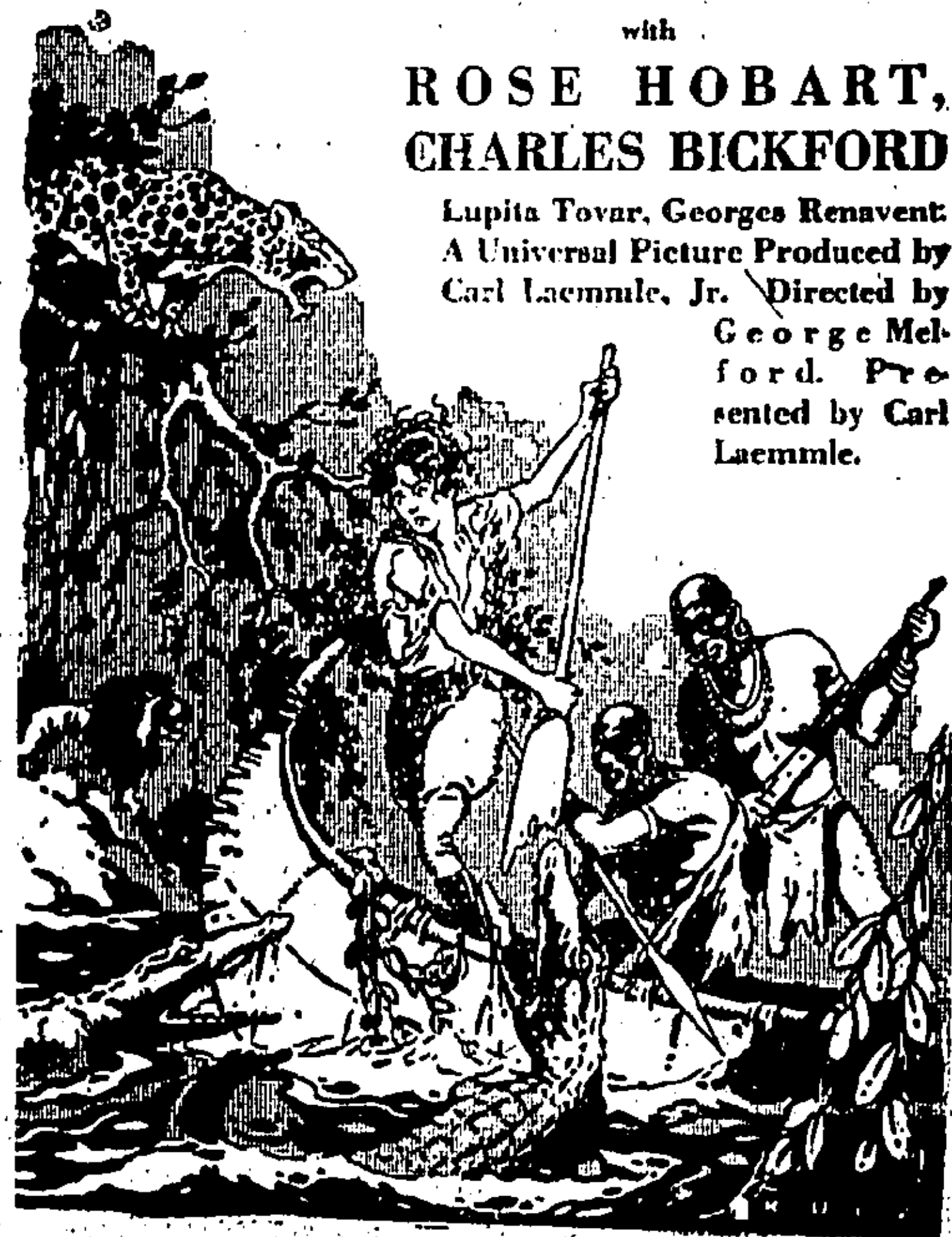
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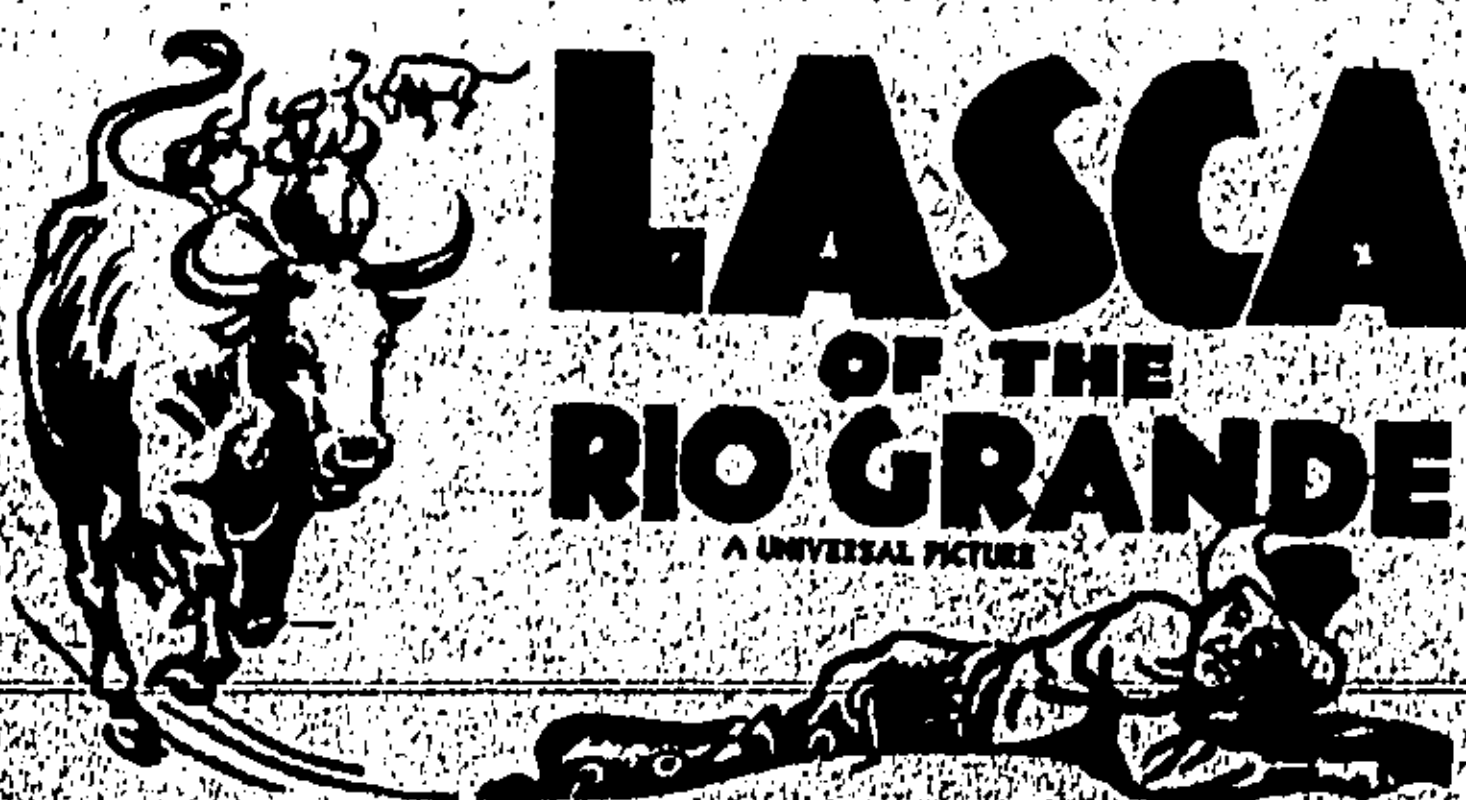
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Air Mail Traffic.

A striking increase in air mail
traffic during last year is recorded
by the Postmaster-General. About
two million and a quarter letters,
weighing over 52 tons, were sent by
air, an increase of about 10,000
weekly over 1930.

New Air Record.

By reaching Port Darwin, Aus-
tralia, yesterday, twelve days and a
half after leaving Britain in the
mail carrying aeroplane Southern
Star, Air Commodore Kingsford-
Smith has established a fresh re-
cord for the journey in a commer-
cial machine.

Spain.

The country is yet in the grip
of a strike-fever, and, for criticis-
ing Government's inability to cope
with the situation, a Catholic news-
paper has been suspended for an
indefinite period.

NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

A Roumanian Guest.
Argetoianu, the Roumanian
Finance Minister, was yesterday
the guest of honour at a luncheon
given by the Foreign Secretary, Sir
John Simon. He was also received
by the Prime Minister at 10
Downing Street.

Henderson Back.
After his four months' illness,
Arthur Henderson resumed work at
his Party headquarters yesterday.
He intends to leave for Geneva at
the end of the month to preside
over the Disarmament Conference.

Mr. Stimson
Is to lead the U.S. delegation to
the Disarmament Conference.

Gold For France.

France is to withdraw gold from
the U.S. to the extent of \$125,000-
000. The first shipment of \$25,000-
000 is to be made at once.

General Dawes.

Has been appointed head of the
Reconstruction Finance Corpora-
tion, and to enable him to take over
his new duties he vacates immedi-
ately the U.S. Ambassadorship in
London.

Prince of Wales.

His Royal Highness has estab-
lished a scholarship at Oxford for
Argentinian students.

Reparations.

It seems unlikely that the U.S.
will agree to a further extension of
the Hoover moratorium. The opin-
ion in the States appears to be that
confidence must first be restored in
Europe before there is any talk
of further debt postponement.

MONEY LEFT.

**A Retired Army
Captain.**

F.D.T. COKE.

Francis Desmond Talbot Coke,
retired Army Captain, formerly of
Claymore School, near Winchester,
Hants, and of 5, Connaught Place,
Hyde Park, Middlesex, who died on
April 27 last, at Westfield, Rich-
mond Road, Worthing, Sussex, left
estate in the Colony valued at
\$20,200.

The Supreme Court has granted
re-sealing of certified copy of pro-
bate of the will and two codicils to
Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, solicitor,
attorney for the executors and
trustees appointed in the will Mr.
R. S. A. Straus, of 8, High Park
Hansons, London, publisher, and
Major E. Howell, (retired), of
Westfield.

J. Johnson.

Local estate valued at \$16,500 was
left by John Johnson, dockyard
storekeeper, late of 5, Stanley
Terrace, Quarry Bay, who died at
the Matilda Hospital on November
20 last.

Probate of his will has been
granted to the widow, Mrs. Eliza
Johnson, of 41, Cumberland Road,
Kowloon Tong, who is the sole
executrix.

H. A. Settle.

Harry Armstrong Settle, master
mariner, late of 50b, Nathan Road,
Kowloon, who died intestate at the
French Hospital, Causeway Bay, on
December 16 last, left Hong Kong
estate valued at \$7,200.

The Supreme Court has granted
letters of administration to the
widow, Mrs. Margaret Settle, of
50b, Nathan Road.

W. G. Skipworth.
Estate in the Colony valued at
\$5,500, with net personality at Home
worth \$21,881.10.6, was left by
William Green Skipworth, retired
merchant, who died at Brookhurst,
Broadbridge Heath, Hammersmith,
Sussex, on March 23 last.

With regard to the local estate,
the Supreme Court has granted re-
sealing of certified copy of probate
of the will to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson,
solicitor, attorney of the Public
Trustee, who is the sole executor
named in the will.

FRENCH SHIPPING.

**Government's Plan of
Assistance.**

Paris, Yesterday.

The Finance Commission of the
Senate has rejected the Govern-
ment's plan of assistance to the
Compagnie Generale Transatlantique.

The Commission decided that,
apart from purely temporary finan-
cial arrangements, the only measure
it could support would be the es-
tablishment of a new organisation
within the framework of the general
policy of development of the mer-
cantile marine. Such a project
could not be drawn up until the
Company was put on a sound basis.

A questionnaire in this connection
will be submitted to the Cabinet.
— Reuter.

STIMSON TO LEAD

**U.S. DISARMAMENT
DELEGATION.**

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. Stimson has been appointed
head of the United States delegation
to the Disarmament Conference.
— Reuter's American Service.

U.S. TARIFF COMMISSION.

Washington, Yesterday.

The Senate has ordered the Tariff
Commission to investigate the
effect of depreciated foreign cur-
rencies on American imports and
international trade. — Reuter's
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ALLEGED PEAK MURDER.

In connection with the alleged
murder at No. 112, The Peak, which
occurred on Monday, the amah, who
was detained pending further en-
quiries, was this morning charged
at the Central Magistracy, before
Mr. E. H. Williams.

A week's remand was allowed.

"Can you tell me how to hold my
cue?" My experience tells me that
is the first question the amateur of
average skill will ask when he wants
me to drop him a playing hint.
— Joe Davis.

M. PASQUIER.

**Short Unofficial Visit
to Colony.**

ON WAY TO MANILA.

His Excellency M. Pasquier,
Governor-General of Indo-China, is
due to arrive here at 8 o'clock to-
morrow morning on the French
mine sweeper Inconstant.

M. Pasquier, who is on his way
to Manila to return the recent visit
of Governor-General Dwight Davis,
of the Philippines, and to attend
the Military manoeuvres at Manila,
is not paying an official visit to Hong
Kong, but while here he will make
various courtesy calls.

H.E. will proceed to Manila on
the cruiser Waldeck Rousseau, flag-
ship of Vice-Admiral Herr, Com-
mander-in-Chief of the French naval
forces in the Far East. Another
member of M. Pasquier's entourage
to the Philippines is General
Billotte, Commander-in-Chief of
the French Army in Indo-China.
He arrived here on the s.s. Tonkin
on Friday and sailed for Manila on
the s.s. President Jackson on Satur-
day.

PRAGUE SENSATION

**Many Prominent
Persons Arrested.**

DRUG TRAFFIC.

Prague, Jan. 13.

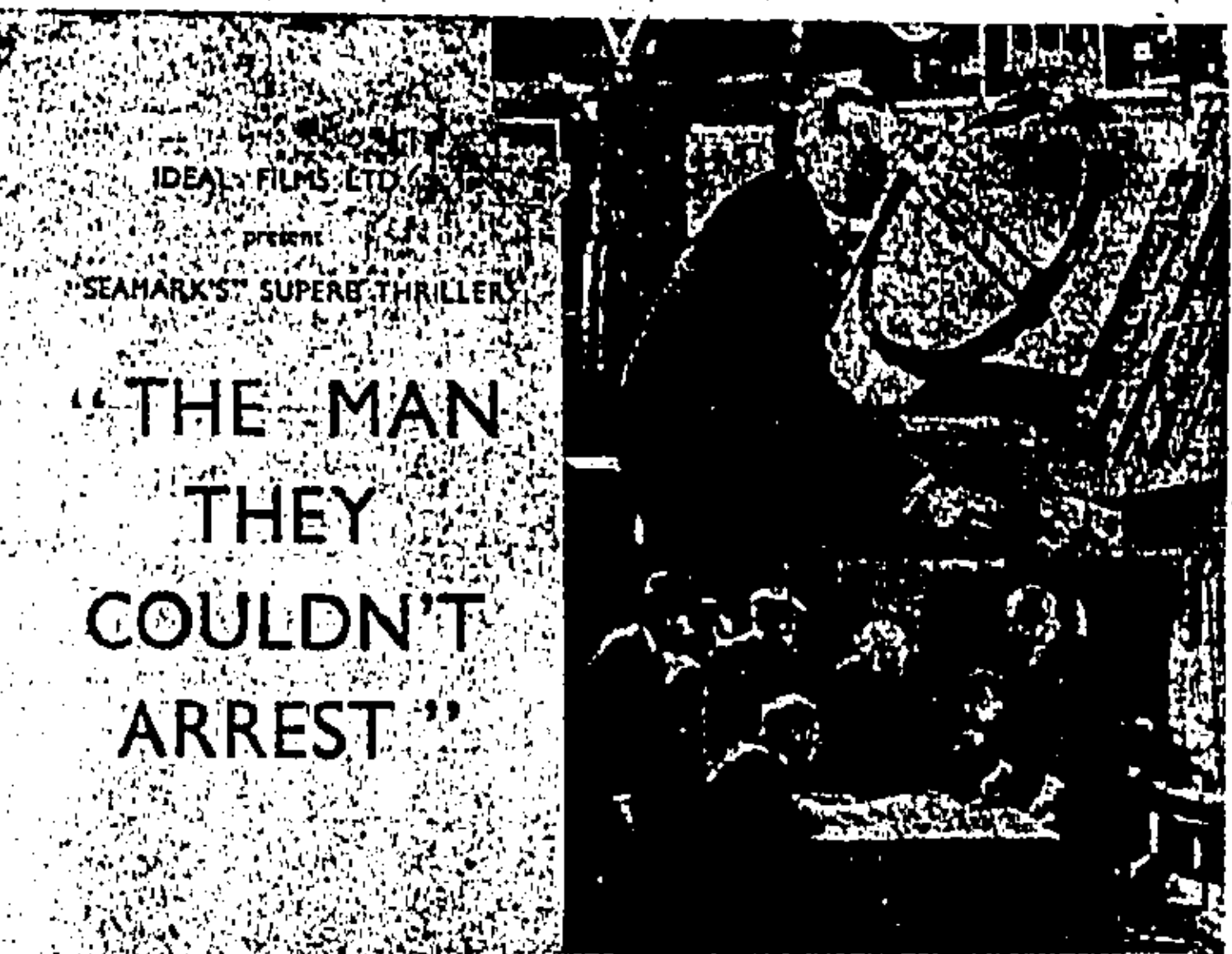
Several prominent business-
men including a well-known
banker were arrested here to-
day on the charge of having en-
gaged in the illicit traffic of
arms and ammunition to Soviet
Russia. A Pole named Korzenko,
who acted as agent of the
ring, has also been taken into
custody.

No details have so far been
divulged of the affair which
caused a sensation here. It is
understood, however, that the
arrested men have also delivered
arms and ammunition to China
and that some of these consign-
ments found their way into Rus-
sian ports. — Trans-Ocean Kuo
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